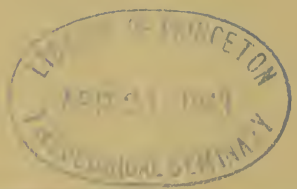
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THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

A. D. 1906.

The Synod of New York met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Church, Lockport, N. Y., October 16th, A. D., 1906, at half past seven o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Isaac Jennings, D.D., of the Presbytery of Chemung, on II Timothy I, 8-9, "Be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, etc."

The Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries:

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Alfonso R. Olney, D.D.,	William B. Schermerhorn,
N. Foster Browne,	Orlando Gage,
Norman McLeod,	James Rodgers,
Charles A. Richmond, D.D.,	William J. Crane,
Henry W. Tolson,	James S. Pulver,
Robert I. MacBride.	James H. Smith.

II. BINGHAMTON.

David F. Bonner, D.D.,	Radcliff B. Lockwood,
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III. BOSTON.

Martin D. Kneeland, D.D.,(2)
Daniel J. Many, Jr.,
Joseph F. Langton,
Herbert A. Manchester.
Angus McDonald,
Alexander McDonald.

IV. BROOKLYN.

Frederick Campbell, Sc.D.,
T. Calvin McClelland, D.D.,
Frederick T. Steele,
James A McCague,
Ira W. Henderson,
F. LeRoy Brown, (2)
Robert H. Anthony.
James Warnock,
James F. Atkinson,
George P. Conard,
John Thompson,
Thomas Norris,
Max Braun.

V. BUFFALO.

Rice V. Hunter, D.D.,
J. Emory Fisher,
W. Closson McGarvey,
J. Forbes Robinson,
Frank E. Van Wie.
H. Osgood Holland,
Robert T. Hazzard,
William L. Ostrom,
Frederick Henn.

VI. CAYUGA.

Grenville P. Sewall,
Frederick W. Palmer, D.D.,
Robert A. Rayson, Ph.D.
John E. Myer.

VII. CHAMPLAIN.

Aaron W. Maddox.

VIII. CHEMUNG.

Isaac Jennings, D.D.,
George W. Warren.
David C. Blair,
James M. Ormiston

IX. CHILE.

X. COLUMBIA.

Ernest G. Wood.
Elmer Van Vleet.

XI. EASTERN PERSIA.

XII. GENESEE.

James A. Anderson,
Arthur E. Brigden.
Edwin W. Wilcox,
Lewis D. Collins, (2).

XIII. GENEVA.

William W. Weller,
John Q. Adams.
J. Carleton Garrison,
Edward R. Taylor.

XIV. HUDSON.

Arthur J. Waugh,
Francis S. Haines,
Lewis G. Leary, Ph.D., (2),
Henry Natsch.
David H. McConnell,
Daniel Carpenter,
J. Edward Smith.

XV. LONG ISLAND.

Richard S. Campbell, D.D.,
Frederick G. Beebe.
Ezra G. Beebe,
Robert W. Wells, (2).

XVI. LYONS.

David B. McMurdy,
Carl W. Scovel.
Harry G. Chapman,
Ernest Manktelow.

XVII. NASSAU.

Alexander G. Russell,
James N. Norris, (2),
Robert G. Leetch, (2).

XVIII. NEW YORK.

Charles A. Stoddard, D.D.,
John H. Edwards, D.D.,
Frederick E. Shearer, D.D.,
George Alexander, D.D.,
Walter D. Buchanan, D.D.,
William R. Richards, D.D.,
Anson P. Atterbury, D.D.,
A. Edwin Keigwin, D.D.,
Anthony H. Evans, D.D.
George E. Sterry,
James Martin,
Frederick Colton,
Robert Wallace,
James Yereance,
John H. McDonald,
Rush Taggart,
Silas B. Brownell,
William Thomson,
George S. Humphreys.

XIX. NIAGARA.

Duncan Cameron.
Joseph Criswell.
George B. Thompson,
Robert Anderson.

XX. NORTH LAOS.

XXI. NORTH RIVER.

J. Scott King,
William Coombe, (2),
John A. Terhune,
Samuel K. Piercy.
Walter P. Millard,
James S. Finley,
Frank A. Hotchkiss,
John I. Platt.

XXII. OTSEGO.

Henry U. Swinnerton, Ph.D.,
Wesley W. Cole,
Frank C. Shultis.
Nelson Scott.

XXIII. PORTO RICO.

XXIV. ROCHESTER.

Charles P. Coit, D.D.,
Francis R. Wade,
George C. Frost,
Samuel W. Steele.
C. H. Mason,
Irving G. Clark,
John H. McNeil.

XXV. ST. LAWRENCE.

William E. Kimball, D.D.,
William H. Stubblebine, Ph.D.,
George H. Feltus,
David H. Craver.
Joseph F. Brown.

XXVI. SIAM.

XXVII. STEUBEN.

Samuel W. Pratt, D.D.,
Edward M. Deems, D.D.,
Charles N. Frost.
Hon. Hyatt C. Hatch,
Uri Balcom,
A. H. Noxon.

XXVIII. SYRACUSE.

William Courtland Robinson, D.D.,	Charles F. Blanding,
Murray S. Howland,	Irving J. Clark,
Edward J. Humeston.	S. F. Munson.

XXIX. TROY.

William H. Sybrandt,	Edward H. Boughton,
George Fairlee,	E. Ogden Ross,
Daniel M. Countermine,	William McBride,
J. Harvey Dunham.	Burton K. Woodward.

XXX. UTICA.

Dwight Scovel,	Dewitt C. Hurd,
Theodore F. Jessup,	Eddy C. Shumway,
Dana W. Bigelow, D.D.,	Fred M. Orton,
Charles S. Richardson, D.D.,	Alonzo H. Sumner,
William C. Spicer.	Ambrose W. Hill.

XXXI. WESTCHESTER.

Adrian V. S. Wallace,	Luther P. Norris,
William J. Cumming,	Sanford R. Knapp,
John A. Ingham,	Frederick Lent,
John M. Trout.	Robert C. Mallette,
	Howard Whittemore, (2).

The Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., of the Presbytery of New York, was elected Moderator and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. Daniel J. Many, Jr., of the Presbytery of Boston, and the Rev. William C. Spicer, of the Presbytery of Utica were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Rev. Alexander McGaffin, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, after an address of welcome, reported the following recommendations, which were adopted:

On Wednesday morning, reports of Special Committees, to be followed by addresses on Evangelism and the work of the Evangelistic Committee.

At two o'clock, Systematic Beneficence followed by reports on Synodical Mission, and the administration of the Lord's Supper.

At half-past seven, a popular meeting in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions.

On Thursday morning, Sabbath Observance to be followed by reports on Education, and Church Erection, and addresses on Tract and Bible Societies.

At two o'clock, General Business followed by reports on Young Peoples, Societies, Publication, Ministerial Relief, Freedmen and Temperance, at 4.15 a Devotional Service led by Dr. George Alexander.

At half-past seven P. M., a popular meeting in behalf of the Causes of Ministerial Relief and Freedmen.

Adjourned until Wednesday at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Business was resumed, after prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and delegates not previously enrolled (marked 2) were reported present.

The Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Rev. George Alexander, D.D., as Vice-Moderator, and also the Standing Committees.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Bills and Overtures:

Ministers—Isaac Jennings, Richard S. Campbell, William R. Richards, Henry U. Swinnerton, Charles A. Richmond, William J. Cumming, Carl W. Scovel, Walter D. Buchanan.

Elders—James Rodgers, John E. Myer, George B. Thompson, E. W. Wilcox, Radcliff B. Lockwood, Ernest Manktelow, Burton K. Woodward.

2. Judicial Business:

Ministers—Samuel W. Pratt, David F. Bonner, Charles S. Richardson, Charles P. Coit, W. Courtland Robinson, Arthur J. Waugh, Frederick W. Palmer, Alfonso R. Olney.

Elders—Sanford R. Knapp. Hyatt C. Hatch, George P. Conard, Edward R. Taylor, Robert T. Hazzard, C. H. Mason, Nelson Scott.

3. Minutes of the General Assembly:

Ministers—Anson P. Atterbury, George Fairlee, N. Foster Browne.

Elders—George E. Sterry, E. C. Shumway.

4. Finance:

Elders—Silas B. Brownell, Robert Anderson, J. Carleton Garrison, Frank A. Hotchkiss, Thomas Norris.

5. Leave of Absence:

Ministers—Wesley W. Cole, William W. Weller, William H. Stublebine, Murray S. Howland, Daniel M. Countermine.

Elders—David H. McConnell, Dewitt C. Hurd, Luther W. P. Norris, E. Ogden Ross.

6. Nomination of Visitors to Colleges and Seminaries.

Ministers—Alexander G. Russell, William E. Kimball, Theodore F. Jessup, Charles N. Frost, Samuel K. Piercy.

Elders—Charles F. Blanding, James S. Pulver, J. Harris Hammond, Thomas Norris.

7. Nomination of Woman's Committee on Home Missions:

Ministers—Rice V. Hunter, David B. McMurdy, Henry W. Tolson, A. Edwin Keigwin, Samuel W. Steele.

Elders—A. H. Noxon, James Yereance, James Warnock, August McDonald.

8. Nomination of Trustees of Synod, Etc.:

Ministers—Duncan Cameron, George W. Warren, George C. Frost, Aaron W. Maddox, Dwight Scovel.

Elders—David C. Blair, William J. Crane, Uri Balcom, James M. Ormiston.

9. Committee to Collate Reports on Records of Presbyteries:

Ministers—Norman McLeod, Grenville P. Sewall, Arthur E. Brigden.

Elders—Robert C. Mallette, J. Edward Smith.

10. Committee to Nominate Permanent Committees of Synod for the next two Years:

Ministers—Edward M. Deems, John Q. Adams, J. Scott King.

Elders—Rush Taggart, Ezra G. Beebe

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES:

1. Albany: *Ministers*—Frederick E. Shearer, Ernest G. Wood; *Elder*—Lewis D. Collins.

2. Binghamton: *Ministers*—Robert A. Rayson, James A. McCague; *Elder*—Frederick Henn.

3. Boston: *Ministers*—T. Calvin McClelland, J. Forbes Robinson; *Elder*—James F. Atkinson.

4. Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Robert I. McBride, Henry Natsch; *Elder*—Elmer VanVleet.

5. Buffalo: *Ministers*—Francis S. Haines, Dwight Scovel; *Elder*—Daniel Carpenter.

6. Cayuga: *Ministers*—William H. Sybrandt, J. Harvey Dunham; *Elder*—S. F. Munson.

7. Champlain: *Ministers*—Murray S. Howland, Daniel M. Countermine; *Elder*—Irving J. Clarke.

8. Chemung: *Ministers*—Frederick Campbell, John M. Trout; *Elder*—Burton K. Woodward.

9. Chile: (No Records).

10. Columbia: *Ministers*—Edward J. Humeston, Ira W. Henderson; *Elder*—James Warnock.

11. Eastern Persia: (No Records).

12. Genesee: *Ministers*—David H. Craver, Frederic T. Steele; *Elder*—John Thompson.

13. Geneva: *Ministers*—Andrew M. Brown, Frank C. Shultis; *Elder*—James Rodgers.

14. Hudson: *Ministers*—Herbert A. Manchester, F. LeRoy Brown; *Elder*—W. Wilcox.

15. Long Island: *Ministers*—Grenville P. Sewall, Frank E. Van Wie; *Elder*—H. Osgood Holland.

16. Lyons: *Ministers*—John H. Edwards, James A. Norris; *Elder*—George S. Humphreys.

17. Nassau: *Ministers*—J. Scott King, Theodore F. Jessup; *Elder*—James F. Finley.

18. New York: *Ministers*—Joseph Criswell, Frederick G. Beebe; *Elder*—Robert W. Wells.

19. Niagara: *Ministers*—Charles A. Stoddard, John A. Terhune, *Elder*—Walter P. Millard.

20. North Laos: (No Records).

21. North River: *Ministers*—George H. Feltus, Robert H. Anthony; *Elder*—Joseph F. Brown.

22. Otsego: *Ministers*—Francis R. Wade, William J. Cumming; *Elder*—C. H. Mason.

23. Porto Rico: (No Records).

24. Rochester: *Ministers*—Henry W. Tolson, Joseph F. Langton; *Elder*—James S. Pulver.

25. St. Lawrence: *Ministers*—George W. Warren, Robert G. Leetch; *Elder*—J. Edward Smith.

26. Siam: (No Records).

27. Steuben: *Ministers*—Adrian V. S. Wallace, Samuel W. Steele; *Elder*—Frederick Lent.

28. Syracuse: *Ministers*—Arthur E. Brigden, J. Emory Fisher; *Elder*—Lewis D. Collins.

29. TROY: *Ministers*—W. Closson McGarvey, Robert H. Anthony; *Elder*—William J. Crane.

30. UTICA: *Ministers*—Richard S. Campbell, Aaron W. Maddox; *Elder*—William B. Schermerhorn.

31. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers*—Theodore F. Jessup, Frederick W. Palmer; *Elder*—Dewitt C. Hurd.

Overtures and other papers and the records of the Presbyteries were called for and placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

The Committee appointed to consider the matter of paying traveling expenses of visitors to institutions reported as follows:

In our judgment, there are not at the present time matters of sufficient importance before the trustees to justify Synod to pay their expenses annually.

In case some large bequests should came to the Synod, it would then be just to pay the expenses of the trustees, so that they might attend properly to the legal matters connected with such bequests.

We recommend that the Committees of visitation be made as small as possible, and men be appointed, living as a rule, near the institution to be visited and that the expenses of these committees be paid.

The above report was accepted and its recommendation was adopted.

The Committee of visitors to Hamilton College presented its report which was accepted:

From Samuel Kirkland's Missionary School, established in the latter part of the Eighteenth Century, the present college with its noble buildings, devoted faculty and enthusiastic band of students has resulted.

Hamilton is emphatically a Christian College, where ideals of manhood are placed before the student body, by manly men. Here is an institution with an endowment of half a million dollars and massive buildings worth half a million more. With such limited resources, but with loyal and devoted instructors, the work of the College goes on. During its existence it has given 500 Ministers to our Synod, and Elders and business men more than we can number.

Why does the Synod appoint visitors to Hamilton College?

Years ago in its period of poverty it made overtures as follows, to the Synod: "We determine to maintain a Christian College on College Hill, and we will gladly place the College under the ecclesiastical care of the Synod on condition that it raise an additional endowment of $500,000. But the stream of endowment came in very slowly. Discouraged at the prospect of securing the half million, the trustees reduced the sum required to $400,000. But even that plan fell through, and all that has remained of that idea is the phantom visiting Committee. Money came from other sources and the College is now well established."

President Stryker stands for three distinctive ideas: A Christian College, the personal contact of the Faculty with the student, lastly an undenominational foundation.

If Hamilton asserts its undenominational character, why send up a Committee of visitors annually from the Synod.

The College lifts the standard of Christian education. It believes what the Synod believes. The band that binds the two together is a moral one. The Synod expresses its sympathy, confidence and moral support, while it exercises no ecclesiastical control over the College. While the College has reached a high degree of efficiency, it still has many needs. The professors are paid a meagre sum for the large service rendered. The College needs a new Library and Gymnasium and dormitories to accommodate 300 students.

If the Synod would show its sympathy, it would rear a monument in honor of Christian manhood and education within our bounds.

The Committee of Visitors appointed to attend the ninetieth anniversary of the American Bible Society, reported that they fulfilled their appointment and much enjoyed the occasion. Their report was accepted.

The Committee on Home Missions, Rev. Rice V. Hunter, D.D., chairman, presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

The Committee on Synodical Sustentation has a favorable report. There is abundance of Home Mission opportunity, and responsibility within the borders of our Synod. The depleted country districts, village, and cross road Churches which are closing their doors, leaving this former source of supply for our Churches uncultivated, is well understood.

It will be a sorry day for Presbyterianism, for American citizenship, and for the Kingdom, when we have either fled, or been driven from the country districts. Multitudes of our best Church members in our country seats, and city churches, as well as scores of our strongest ruling elders, and most useful ministers, have come from these agricultural districts. Woe betide us when we leave them to less thorough denominations, or to heathenism. The incoming tide of foreigners filling every nook and cranny of our over-grown cities, is a trumpet-call for Missionary effort. *Foreign Missions* are at our own doors.

A large proportion of these people will make good Americans if the Church is alert, consecrated, and possessed of the genius of statesmanship, and the spirit of Christ. Schools, Missions and Churches for these demand money, consecration, and organization. We must *act*, as well as plan.

Our Synod needs the fire of a *real* Evangelism. But there is a *wider* sweep to this subject. Beyond our own borders there are others with fewer Churches and Sabbath Schools, with less money with which to procure Christian literature, so sorely needed, and with fewer means with which to hire laborers for the vineyard, and with which to build Missions and Churches. There is western territory ample for an empire where cities are being built, and homes are being erected, without the gospel. The barren plains of the West are being made to blossom under the magic wand of irrigation.

That Alaskan myth, is becoming to our body politic, very real, and very rich in possibilities. That region is likely to become the highway to Moscow, and Paris. If we have something of the divine spirit, and strategy, we will occupy that territory "'till He comes." We could push our forces to Point Barrow, and beyond, and encourage that Home Missionary pioneer, that hero of the Cross, who has recently been assailed, and so splendidly vindicated, Dr. Sheldon Jackson, the St. Paul of the West.

We ought to occupy our "Islands of the Sea" with school-house, and teacher; with pulpit and preacher. Oh, for the sense of obligation resting upon the Church and Church member that moved St. Paul to write; "I must also see Rome"—Rome, which stood for imprisonment and death, but which also stood for opportunity to influence Europe, and Western life through all time.

The four millions of mountaineers in the Southland, and the churchless mining camps of West Virginia, are vocal with the Macedonian call.

But why dwell upon the need of Home Mission work? Everyone knows that there is more to be done than the church is doing. Everyone knows that *our* Church ought to do, and can do many times more than it is doing. Everyone knows that there is lamentable ignorance upon the whole subject of Missions; but everyone knows, furthermore, that the ignorance of the Church is no match for its selfish indifference.

The Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions reports that our Christian women (bless their hearts) gave to this one Cause last year, $404,712.78, a gain of $30,623.86 over the previous year. That the Churches, Sabbath Schools, Young People, and legacies, and income from Real Estate, etc., etc., totaled $507,080.94; an increase of $14,133.72, the high water mark in the receipts of this Board, being about 82 cents per capita for our whole Church membership.

Our net increase of membership last year in the whole Church was 43,000. The net increase of money was $44,777. If each new member gave 82 cents to Home Missions, then the Church gave only a little more than $7,000 over the previous year.

Another view—According to the report of the Home Board for the year 1888; eighteen years ago the Synod of New York gave a total of $175,274.34. There were 152,764 Church members reported that year. These gave direct to the Home Mission Board an average of $1.15 minus, per capita. In 1906, our Synod gave to the Home Mission Board a total of $147,736,46. The Minutes of this Synod for 1905 reported $20,482.55 contributed under the Synodical plan. This gives us a total of $168,219.01. The Assembly Minutes report 198,113 Church members in the Synod of New York. We gave then last year, 85 cents minus, per capita, to the Board of Home Missions—only three cents more than the average of the whole Church. That is to say, the weak Churches in the far west gave practically as much to Home Missions as the rich Synod of New York. We gave twenty-five per cent less per capita last year than we gave eighteen years ago.

Brethren, how do we account for this poor showing? Is the church poorer than it was eighteen years ago?

The Secretary of our Board, in his address to the Assembly at Des Moines last May, said that the wealth of the United States had doubled during the last twenty-

five years. Presbyterians, as a rule, are a thrifty people. They have had their share of this increased wealth. While our wealth has increased 100 per cent, or nearly so, we have decreased our gifts to Home Missions 25 per cent. This is astounding!

In 1888, the Synod gave to Home Missions, $316.415. That year our Churches had a membership of 152,764. According to the report of the Assembly Minutes then we gave $2.06 per capita. Now for the year 1906, our Synod gave $421,911. Our Churches have a membership of 198,113 showing that we gave during the year just past, $2.12 per capita. This is a more favorable showing than that made by the reports of the Boards. The Board's report is the more accurate of the two.

An examination of the contributions to the other Boards of the Church, by our Synod, reveals practically the same condition of affairs. Now, *where is the fault?* It is somewhere in the Church, and we ministers and elders have a arge responsibility in this matter. The Boards are not without their responsibility likewise.

Some of the other self-supporting Synods have done better than we have done. One Synod has increased its Home Mission gifts during these 18 years 375 per cent. The Church membership has increased—but the proportion is nothing like the increase in Home Mission giving.

Other self-supporting Synods have increased all the way from 50 per cent. up to 150 per cent. We have stood still. Nay, we are not giving proportionally as we gave eighteen years ago.

Dr. Thompson stated in his Des Moines address: "Solve the problem of the Church—get her back on apostolic ground and you solve all the other missionary problems."

True enough. But what does Dr. Thompson mean by "getting the Church back on apostolic ground?" He says that "'Materialism' has so wounded and chilled us that spirituality has sunk to a powerless level." True again. There is no doubt about the Church lacking in spiritual power, but our beloved Secretary is not specific enough. Why does he not touch the tap root of the trouble, and specify that when the Church is spiritual, and taught many other things, it will take up the Bible doctrine of what we owe to God. There is a cheap effusive sentimentalism, and emotionalism which sometimes passes current for spirituality. It is encouraged by mass meetings, and street corner evangelism sometimes, but that comes short of "apostolic ground." The apostles and early Church loved God, loved the brethren, and paid to the support of the Master's Church, and gave to the suffering people for whom the Master died, in proportion as God had prospered them.

The early Church taught that the member owed a certain definite proportion of his income to the cause of Jesus Christ. This was true not only under the Jewish dispensation and in the Apostolic Church, but also in the later centuries.

The Historian Lecky shows that giving proportionately was an evidence of Church membership.

The Home Mission Board is to be congratulated upon its excellent showing for the past year. We believe in the aggressive and progressive spirit of the Board. We rejoice that our Church leads in a movement seeking the laboring man. We are glad that the Board appreciates the necessity of reaching the foreign element in

our great cities. We believe that it is true of Rome, Constantinople, Jerusalem' The decay of these, marks the decay of Empire."

We also believe that before we can meet the demand made upon the Home, or any Board of the Church, we must teach the people the absolute necessity of obedience to the command, that they owe a definite proportion of their income to the Church of Jesus Christ.

We have no right to preach *only* those doctrines which the people enjoy. We ought to preach the "whole counsel of God." We must not neglect to stand for the Divinity of Christ; for the Atonement; for the necessity of being born again; for virtue; for temperance. On these we ought to continue to lay tremendous emphasis. But the rich young man had to learn his lesson concerning the use of his possessions. The love of money is as dangerous today, as it was in the time of Jesus. To give as God has prospered us, helps to develop piety.

The Bible, of course, is the ultimate standard for the Church. Such expressions as these: "On the first day of the week," "As God has prospered you," "Tithe," and similar expressions, teach the value placed upon proportionate giving by Jehovah and by the early apostles. The testimony of ministers and churches, coupled with our own observation, leads us to believe that systematic giving is not a common virtue in the Church. The old haphazard way of taking up collections for this Board, and for that cause, may have been winked at by Jehovah, for a time. Is it not possible that that time is at hand? Is it not possible that the Revival for which the Church is hoping and praying is retarded because of our disobedience to this command?

If the Secretaries of our Boards were to insist more than they do, on proportionate giving, we believe the results would show that they were following a course of wisdom and true statesmanship. They might establish a system of education along these lines. Do we not begin at the wrong end of the problem when we hold up to our congregation the need of this field, and that? We try to move people by relating harrowing and thrilling instances of missionary enterprise. It is not a question of the amount which is needed in the field, it is a question of what we owe, or what we can, and ought to pay.

The ministers and session of our Churches betray their trusts in failing to press for proportionate and regular giving. We pay our rent by the month, or quarter, or year. We pay interest on what we borrow, annually, or semi-annually; we pay premiums of a definite amount at a definite time on our insurance policies, but too often we give to God what is left when the contribution plate is passed around.

The "first fruits" belonged to God centuries ago, and we know of no change in Jehovah's plans for his people. The "first fruits," the first money, the best of ou strength and the best of our time belongs to Him. Until we realize these obligations, we will do but a fraction of the work which Jehovah reasonably expects of his people.

We have not yet discovered a plan for procuring money for Benevolences so nearly ideal, as the annual canvass of the Church membership of our Churches for subscriptions to the Boards of the Church to be paid systematically on the first day of the week. We raise funds for the pastor's salary and for the Boards of the local Church either by rental of pews, to be paid regularly, or by canvassing the congrega-

tion for subscriptions. *Why* should we be less systematic in raising funds for Missionaries, and other causes represented by our Boards?

Why care less for what we owe the Master, and Saviour, than for what we owe the bank, or the groceryman?

"Lay by on the first day of the week," as "God has prospered you." Can we expect a *blessing* when we persistently disobey God?

Why is it that the Secretaries of our great Benevolent enterprises are compelled to beg like children for a little more money for the heathen, when there would be an abundance if people gave simply what they owe?

Why do the Secretaries and Ministers continue to talk primarily and mostly about "the needs of the fields," when that is only half the truth, and contrary to God's method?

We verily believe that no man can prayerfully study this subject without being convinced that it is absurd, and unscriptural to allow our contributions to the great Boards of the Church of Christ to depend upon what a congregation may *feel inclined* to give, on a certain Sunday. Should the day be stormy, a lot of us will not be at the Church at all. If the Secretary or Preacher should happen not to be eloquent, or stir us, many of us will give little or nothing.

Our Church with its increased riches and knowledge, is not increasing its gifts per capita to Missions!

Why? We believe there are two principal explanations: (a) Many of us ministers are indifferent: (b) Our methods are wrong.

We know a congregation which gave $350 per year to Missions under one pastor. Another pastor came, and before six months that same congregation had subscribed more than $2,500 to Missions. We know of another Church which had given to these Boards $550 per annum by one method. A new method was adopted under the same pastor. The Church was thoroughly canvassed for subscriptions for the Boards, to be paid weekly. The duty of giving proportionately and systematically, had been pressed by the pastor. The result was, that Church increased its gifts to the Boards 120 per cent. under the new method.

We are confident that the Boards, and the Ministry can organize a campaign which will result in an increased interest, and a better method on the part of our Churches which will secure an increase of hundreds of thousands of dollars with which to push the work of both Home and Foreign Missions. Then might we be able to write again the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The "Kingdom would come," for the Church would then be honoring Him through faith and obedience.

Your committee therefore recommends:

First—While rejoicing in the splendid work on our Home Mission fields, we call upon our Secretaries, and Ministers to emphasize, as never before, the grace of "Systematic Beneficence."

Second—That our Pastors and Sessions adopt a systematic method of raising funds for the Boards of our Church.

Third—That all Pastors and Sessions make an effort to increase materially their gifts to Home Missions the coming year, without interfering in any way with their obligations to other causes.

Fourth—That we heartily commend the Board for its aggressive work, which has been both extensive, and intensive.

The matter of printing this report in separate form was left to the discretion of the Stated and Permanent Clerks.

The following papers were received and on recommendation of the Stated Clerk were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

1. An overture from the Presbytery of Niagara on railroad legislation, relative to their employees on the Sabbath Day.
2. An overture from the St. Lawrence Presbytery in relation to Foreign tongued people and Synodical Missions.
3. An overture from the Presbytery of Brooklyn in reference to the reduction of representation in Synod.
4. A memorial on Temperance from the Presbytery of Westchester.

The Committee of examiners of Elmira College presented their report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Today we come with words of cheer and hopefulness, with an appeal not entirely new, but more urgent and imperative than ever before. Formerly we came, proud to represent the oldest college for women in the world, with a high standard of scholarship and fine grade of work done. But we had little to say about the student body or the growth of the Institution.

Today we come with a story of steady and rapid growth, of crowded class rooms and dormitories, of improved financial conditions and the brightest outlook ever before this institution.

A few years ago, we tried to give the College away, with no takers. Today we would not sell it at any price. It was said that a College under the control of a Church could no longer be made a success. Today, Elmira College is a standing and conclusive refutation of that declaration.

A few years ago, the mention of Elmira College in Synod brought a shade of gloom, for we felt we were holding on to a lost cause. Today we mention Elmira College with pride and honor.

Your Committee finds first of all, that the religious life of the College is well sustained. The students are carefully instructed in Biblical literature and history; attendance upon the daily chapel exercises is obligatory; a weekly prayer meeting is conducted and a strong organization of the Young Woman's Christian Association is doing effective Christian work.

The present Freshman class numbers 50. The Sophomore class 40. The Junior class 41. The Senior class 37. The largest in the history of the College. There are ten special and 100 music students. Total 278.

The teaching staff numbers 18, all of superior quality. The standard of work done has not been lowered to increase the attendance. It is much more comprehensive than formerly. This is proven by the fact, that while ten years ago there were 65 courses of study, there are now 125. The growth of the College is seen in this, that ten years ago the average number of college students was 70; it is now 170.

Ten years ago the receipts from student fees were $15,400, last year, they were $33,000.

Ten years ago, 35 students boarded in the College, and now 92 and others are boarding in private houses in the city.

The quality of the work done at this college is seen in that for seven years past, there has not been a sufficient number of graduates to meet the demand for teachers. During the past ten years, fifty per cent. of the graduates have engaged in teaching.

Within the past year, the Regents of the University of the State of New York have signally honored Elmira College by recognizing the pedagogical courses there pursued, and providing that all graduates of the College may teach without taking the State examination for teachers, and again this College has been chosen as the place of examination for college graduates certificates and the President designated as the person to conduct the examinations of the graduates of other Colleges, and within a few weeks past several graduates of other Colleges have been examined according to the provisions of the regents at Elmira.

This is the only Woman's College in the state to which this privilege is extended, and this action is an evidence of the high esteem in which the Board of Regents holds the work of this institution.

But the surprise is that work of such high order is done with so inadequate an equipment. This is the situation that confronts the college today; the teaching force is too small; four of the professors are doing double work, though they are underpaid. The dormitories are crowded, and students must be sent out to board in the city. The recitation rooms are inadequate; some of the classes must be divided because the rooms are too small. Some classes must meet in the chapel to their great inconvenience. In short, the college has outgrown its equipment and facilities.

The present needs of Elmira College today are a new Science Hall, increased endowment and improved financial conditions. It all resolves itself into a question of money.

There is no doubt about the importance of this college, or the quality of the work done or the rapid increase of the student body.

What is imperatively needed is better facilities, one hundred thousand dollars is needed now to put the college in good working order. Toward this amount President MacKenzie and the Board of Directors have secured from Mr. Andrew Carnegie a pledge of $30,000, on condition that the whole amount is raised. This is the appeal with which your Committee comes before Synod today, that it shall come up to the help of the College now in the hour of its need and opportunity. Here is this oldest institution in existence, the only one belonging to this Synod, working for the culture and training of your daughters and seeking an amount of money which compared with that given to other institutions, is trifling, but to the college a duty, most important and useful.

By tradition and profession, the Presbyterian Church believes in education. Just now we are earnestly pressing the interests of our denominational colleges throughout the land. Shall not Elmira, one of the most important, worthy and needy, receive our prompt sympathy and assistance?

The College Board has through its President and Secretary expressed its deep

interest in the college and desire to aid it. Shall not the Synod be as deeply interested in its own institution?

The College Board has appointed President MacKenzie as its financial agent, for this year, for the territory embraced within this Synod, and has directed him to devote as much time as shall be consistent with the demands of his regular College duties, in visiting Presbyteries and Churches in the interest of the Board. In behalf of our College we therefore bespeak for President MacKenzie an interested hearing.

We recommend,

First—That Synod place itself on record as interested in and in sympathy with the effort to secure at once the sum of $100,000 for Elmira College.

Second—That President MacKenzie be now heard in the interests of the College.

The following Elders were appointed to serve at the Communion Service this afternoon, viz: Rush Taggart, John H. MacDonald, George P. Conard, James F. Atkinson, Robert T. Hazzard, C. H. Mason, David H. McConnell, James Rodgers, E. Ashley Smith, William E. McComb, George B. Thompson, Dr. Willis P. Weaver.

Rev. A. Edwin Keigwin D.D., presented a statement in behalf of the General Assembly's Committee on Ministerial Sustentation.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was presented and accepted and its recommendations were adopted.

The first meeting of the Committee was held soon after the last Synod adjourned. We concluded not to spend our time in gathering such statistics as could be gleaned from the Assembly minutes, but try to increase interest in Evangelistic work throughout the Synod.

We were satisfied that some particular form of meeting was not what was needed but an honest, determined effort to lead men to accept Christ as their Saviour. We believe every Pastor should get to work in his own way, the way best adapted to his field, but somehow push the work of winning souls. We would call on Pastors to make their own campaign, and be sure they make a campaign. It was deemed best to try to reach Pastors through the Presbyterial Committees. So an all-day conference of the Chairman of Presbyterial Evangelistic Committees was called at Poughkeepsie, Dec. 20. Dr. Swartz and his people agreed to provide entertainment. A few generous friends provided for the traveling expenses and for all the printing, postage and other expenses and after all were paid, one hundred dollars remained which the Committee voted to turn over to the treasurer of the new Committee to be appointed this year.

No effort was made to secure attendance by announcing an attractive program or a distinguished speaker. The idea was to get together to face the conditions and kneel together to pray for God's blessing and guidance. Nearly every Presbytery was represented at the Conference.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman was present and was a valuable leader.

We came from the meeting feeling if we would win men to Christ, we must our

selves be men of God, must have a profound conviction of Men's need and of Jesus Christ as the only and all-sufficient Savior. Then we discussed Methods of work in Churches and Presbyteries; after a season of prayer we went home with new enthusiasm and devotion.

The report to the Synod last year showed the need of an aggressive and general forward movement and we were anxious to get these facts before the people. Leaflets were sent out to every pastor and elder in the Synod. The leaflet was accompanied by a letter entitled, "The Empire State and New England to be won and held for the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church." Some suggestions were made for directing the work and prayers of the session for particular classes, such as lapsed and unfaithful members, for those who were known as Christians and who were not enrolled as Church members and for members of the Sunday School old enough to understand and respond to the claims of Christ. Later, another circular letter was sent out, asking each Pastor to use the first two weeks in March for a renewed and special effort to lead men to Christ; that Wednesday, February 28, should be observed as a day of prayer for God's blessing on the two weeks' effort; that Monday, January 8th, should be observed by Ministers as a day of personal prayer asking God to show us how we should best promote His glory in the salvation of men.

Still another letter was sent out in March to the Presbyterial Chairmen asking how far these suggestions had been carried out, what Evangelistic work had been done and with what results? To this letter few replies were received.

Another circular letter was sent to the Presbyterial Chairmen in September, asking what Evangelistic work had been done; as to the number of additions on confession; and asking suggestions as to what ought to be done in Synod, in Presbyteries and Churches to press this work of winning men to Christ. To this letter we have had thoughtful replies from nearly all the Presbyteries. The tone of the letter is far more encouraging than it was last year. This year, the letters speak of increased interest in evangelistic work and increased readiness to engage in it. Many of the letters speak of the value of the conferences of Pastors and Elders.

It seems pleasant to get together without any ecclesiastical business and just consider what to do for God and how to do it. In some Presbyteries, it is hard for the men to get together. Such conferences should not relapse into theoretical discussions and formal addresses. Many urge the appointment of a Synodical or Presbyterial Evangelist to help the smaller Churches who are not able of themselves to hire such assistance. Our experience has made us feel keenly the great need of definite and aggressive efforts among the smaller Churches and Presbyteries. As the state sets apart its forests to conserve the water supply, so must we watch and strengthen the country Churches as feeders of our larger city organizations.

This year, the Churches have added on confession 9890, a large gain over the previous year.

Certain convictions are coming home to us.

(a) We are convinced that we need a real revival. We are not dictating the form or by what methods this shall come. It will likely appear in different forms and methods in the different churches. But we long to see every Church and every Presbytery swept and swayed by the spirit of God. A real revival where men shall be concerned about their own salvation and the salvation of others.

(b) But in order to do this there must be a deeper spiritual life among ministers and Church members. Not formal meetings for the deepening of spiritual life, but the real thing. Somehow, christians must realize that religion is the real thing; that Christ claims all we have and all we are—that the business of the Church is to help men, women and children to know Christ as a personal Savior, and more that christians shall not only live uprightly, but so that other men shall see by their attitude and life, that they value their religion and regard its importance. There is no use in bringing accusations. Pastors and elders are not unfaithful, as men count faithfulness, nor unspiritual, as men count spirituality, but it is a question whether we are putting all our energies into the work or directing them most effectively in winning men to Christ.

(c) We are convinced we need more prayer. The sense of need will drive us to prayer, and prayer will deepen our sense of need.

(d) We are not to await any agency from without; an evangelist who suits our fancy, an elaborate scheme, an irresistible movement that shall sweep us on in spite of ourselves, but we must labor to give men a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is not a question of methods but of spirit and purpose. The tide of evangelism is rising. Men are interested.

It is recommended,

First—That Presbyterial Committees seek to bring home to pastors the duty of winning men to Christ, as their work.

Second—That Presbyterial Committees plan for Conferences of pastors and elders in which both the spirit and methods of evangelistic work shall be considered.

Third—That Presbyterial Committees try to induce their Presbyteries to consider the employment of Presbyterial evangelists.

Fourth—That Presbyterial Committees consider if any plan has been devised in their Presbytery, similar to the "Simultaneous Meetings" in large cities.

Fifth—That Synod seconds the suggestion of General Assembly's Committee on evangelistic work, emphazing especially Pastoral Evangelism and Presbyterial Conferences.

Synod then took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented its report which was accepted and the substance is as follows:

We are happy to be able to report an increase of gifts for the benefit of the Church. Whether this is due to an added enthusiasm for the general work of the Church or to increased prosperity in the business world we are unable to say.

Not only has there been an increase of gifts, but a very gratifying increase in membership.

Last year our net increase of membership in the Churches of the Synod was only 500. This year it is 3,386.

There has been a like increase in our gifts to benevolent causes. All the Boards of our Church show an increase, save the College Board. The total increase for the year is over $300,000. Last year the average gift per communicant was about $20. This year it has exceeded $21 per member.

So we can report that the time of depression is past, and the time of advance has begun. This is in line with the report which is coming from every department of our Church work. Today we are second to no other denomination in our willingness to undertake the problems which confront us, and increased gifts show that the Church is alive to the necessities of our work.

Rev. William H. Hubbard, D.D., a member of General Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence addressed the Synod on this subject.

The Treasurer of Synodical Missions presented his report which was approved and is as follows:

Within the Presbyteries co-operating under the plan for Synodical Missions, there are 551 Churches. Offerings for this cause have been received from 452 of these congregations. From the allied Presbyteries, a few have made contributions. Of the allied Presbyteries, Cayuga, Hudson, Nassau, Rochester, Westchester are to be found in the list of contributors. Westchester still maintains her place of honor in staunchest loyalty to the cause.

A statement of contributions received from Churches, Presbyteries and individuals is herewith presented:

Balance on hand October 1, 1905	$ 1,756 40
Total contributions for the year ending October 1st, 1906	18,965 11
Interest on deposits	79 65
Total	$20,801 16
Commissions paid from October 1st, 1905, to October 1st, 1906	16,874 49
Salary of Superintendent and assistant	1,700 00
Expenses of Permanent and Executive Committees	547 82
Total	$19,122 31
Balance on hand October 1, 1906	1,678 85

The accounts and vouchers having been audited and found correct, were approved.

The Permanent Committee on Synodical Missions offered the following report which was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Another year of opportunity and of service has drawn to a close, and in presenting this, the Ninth Annual Report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Home Missions, we are again deeply impressed by two things—the continued goodness of our ever gracious Heavenly Father, which has prospered the cause and blessed Churches, Pastors and laborers upon the field; and the singular providence which has fallen upon our Synodical Superintendent.

In all things which go to make a cause successful and prosperous—in ways and means, men and measures, results and blessings, calling for fervid praise and gratitude—this has been a good year.

The only minor note in our rejoicings today is the sudden removal from our ranks of two most faithful and devoted workmen—Elder Theodore S. Hubbard by death, and the Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., by a mysterious illness compelling for a time, the relinquishment of all his duties.

Mr. Hubbard had for years been very closely and actively identified with Synodical Missions as a member of the Executive Committee. A good man, true and faithful, and a generous giver has been called out of the ranks of the toilers.

Even more inexplicable is the mysterious dispensation of the loving Father, which early in June suddenly fell upon our field officer, Dr. Jacks, just on the eve of setting out to keep a Sabbath's appointment.

With the summer just opening—the most favorable season for work in behalf of the cause, with his plans well matured, his appointments all scheduled far in advance, with the crucial test of the year's work just ahead, without a moment's warning, he was as completely severed from it all as though he had been transported to another world. Completely disabled, his life despaired of, the work fell from his hands.

Since that June day, others have discovered what some of us have long known, that he was a worker, faithful, untiring and heroically devoted to the cause which he loved and to which he had unsparingly given himself.

Workmen may fall, but the work goes on, because it is of God, and the Chief Worker lives. He is a living and inspiring presence in every mission field, and in the heart and life of every mission toiler and friend of missions, to be found within the bounds of our great Synod.

From laborers on the field to the field itself is a natural and easy step. The field is not the Synod of New York, but that portion of the Synod lying within the bounds of the State of New York—and particularly the eighteen Presbyteries coöperating under the plan.

The financial report, in some particulars at least, is not as gratifying as in former years. Three weeks ago we were seriously facing a deficit, which the prompt action of the Executive Committee happily avoided, and has made it possible to pay all claims in full to date.

The receipts, from all sources, have been in excess of the disbursements which enables us to report a balance of $1,678.85, but that is due not to the excess of gifts, but to the large balance of last year. The total receipts from churches, individuals and presbyteries were $18,965.11, and the disbursements $19,122.31, so that in point of fact we have not been self-supporting the past year.

While there has been no noticeable lack of interest in the cause, the falling off in contributions is traceable to certain natural causes beyond our control. Some of the Allied Presbyteries have given us nothing. Of the $1,070.00, as the minimum amount expected from them, we received $854.60, and $750.00 of this came from Westchester Presbytery.

One-half of the coöperating Presbyteries gave less than last year.

The following Presbyteries increased their offerings: Albany, Champlain, Genesee, Long Island, Lyons, Niagara, St. Lawrence, Steuben and Utica.

The following gave less than last year: Binghamton, Brooklyn, Chemung, Columbia, Geneva, New York, North River, Otsego and Troy.

The larger part of the falling off in receipts is traceable to the Presbyteries of Brooklyn, New York, Chemung, Binghamton and Geneva.

Under the operation of the plan among the Churches aided, thirty-three have reached self-support, a few of these, because of changed conditions have been obliged to renew their applications temporarily. Honor is due to those aided Churches which persistently strive for self-support.

The following Presbyteries have contributed the full quota apportioned to them by the Synod: Champlain, Geneva, Lyons, Niagara, St. Lawrence and Troy.

Honorable mention should also be made of the Presbyteries of Binghamton, Otsego, Steuben and Utica. Every Church in the Presbyteries of Champlain, St. Lawrence and Utica contributed to the cause.

The Synodical Superintendent presented his report as follows and it was approved.

Our ninth annual report shall be couched in cheering language. The work has gone steadily on, the energies of its friends have never flagged and the Churches are becoming more interested. New churches are being organized and a goodly number are annually attaining self-support.

We would refer at the outset to the death of Theodore S. Hubbard a member of the executive Committee. From the inception of the plan, his whole soul has been in the work. Reared in the country he well knew the difficulties which beset and encircle country Churches, so the cause has enjoyed his large contributions and fervent prayers.

During the past year one hundred and nine commissions have been issued by the Synodical Committee and thirty six more have been laboring under Presbyterial commission.

The following items summarize the year's work:

Missionaries reporting	141
Pastors	49
Stated Supplies	92
Churches Served	148
Stations Supplied at regular intervals	41
Additions on profession of faith	481
Additions by certificate	299
Total Membership	8,889
Total average attendance	7,850
Baptism, adults	270
Baptism, infants	461
Number of Sabbath Schools	149
Sabbath Schools organized	7
Membership of Sabbath Schools	10,826
Membership of Society of Christian Endeavor	2,474
Church Edifices (value of same $424,200)	140
Church Edifices repaired (at cost of $7,337)	25
Church debt cancelled	$ 4,006
Number of manses (value of same, $95,730)	84

During the past year, four of our earnest, faithful missionaries have departed this life, Rev. John Burkhardt of Brownville, Rev. Edward Bryan of Brooklyn, Rev. Fisher Gutelius of Moscow and Rev. Frank L. Putman of Laurens. They were not aged men, but apparently in full vigor when the Master called for them. Several churches have been organized, viz. Armenian Church, Troy, Prospect Park and Wells Memorial (Brooklyn), Third Church, Niagara Falls. Daly Ridge Church has been transferred to us from the Reformed Presbyterian denomination. Several congregations need suitable church buildings and others are crippled because of the lack of a manse. Canaseraga and Brunswick have attained self-support.

Revivals are reported at Afton, Franklin Ave., (Brooklyn), Akron, Blasdell, Kenmore (Buffalo), Ellicottville, Scipioville, Tupper Lake, Huron, Jamaica German, Bohemian, Zion German (New York), Trinity (Rochester), Hannibal, Parish.

Church edifices at Rossie, Martinsburg, Hillsdale, Barre Centre have been rebuilt, so they are now practically new, Rensselaerville and Rockwells Falls have renovated their church property. Zion, (New York) and Ludlowville much need a manse and chapel. A chapel should be built at East Windham, where in summer there is so large a resident population and many remain during the entire year. Livingstonville a long closed church is being repaired and is preparing to resume services.

Atlanta, Scipio, Scipioville have cancelled burdensome church debts. Many churches plead for a spiritual awakening. While professional evangelists go to the large centers of population, many smaller places need even more spiritual awakening, so that perishing souls may be gathered in from the fields of indifference and sin. The trend of young people is away from the country with all its attractions, being fascinated by the social and financial influences of the great city, and while they might be useful in the country, they are simply lost in the selfish maelstrom of the great city. And the aged parents plod on or sell their home at a sacrifice, sad over the desolate church where they have so long worshipped and to which their heart strings still fondly cling, mourning over the desolations of Zion. But there is still hope for these fields, if young men will go and with God's help build again the waste places and repair the breaches in the walls. Courage and earnestness will work wonders. Last winter, strenuous efforts were made to induce several men to accept calls to two fields lying about four miles apart. They were termed burned over, barren fields which would not repay culture. Finally a young man of missionary spirit from Princeton went there and labored through the summer and in September we were permitted to welcome seven adults on profession of faith. The church has been renovated and beautified and it looks as if a new era of prosperity were dawning upon that field. This condition may be seen in many places where the active man will go and scatter precious seed in the name of the Master. The man who is content to labor in small places, and there patiently break up the fallow ground and prayerfully plant gospel seed, shall secure the fulfillment of the promise to those who scatter precious seed, that they shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them. And when God shall see their faithfulness in little things, He will see that they are called to greater things. Faithful in little, they may be faithful in much.

Every Presbytery presents its own problems. Albany Presbytery had many

vacancies a year ago, now they are nearly all filled. St. Lawrence has special problems. Many of its churches are in the Adirondack forests, last winter nearly all were uncared for, but they were hopeful. Faithful men are now doing pioneer work. And these congregations are as intelligent and apparently as well dressed as many in the state.

And they do not want your cast off clothing. They receive good wages and live well if they live sober lives. Then, there are the hosts of Italians and Armenians and Syrians which meet you at every turn in our cities. And these must be civilized and christianized, for the grace of God can alone mold them into good citizens. And then foreigners are coming to us at the rate of nearly a million a year. As the Goths and Vandals of the north poured down upon Southern Europe, so these alien races are flowing in upon us as a flood. They are coming by the permission of Providence; we must meet the question, and solve it, for we cannot run away from it. We may well inquire, "who is sufficient for these things?" The Lord of Hosts *can* help us and if we wait on him we believe He will. If God be for us, who can be against us? We are now entering upon the last year of this decade of Synodical Missions. We are well organized, God has been pleased to bless us hitherto. Let us gird ourselves for new conquests, giving freely our money, our time, our efforts, our prayers to this home work, for the sake of God and our beloved country.

The following items of personal service are hereby mentioned:

Different Congregations visited	66
Sermons and addresses	124
Lord's Supper administered	10
Marriages solemnized	9
Funerals attended	11
Members received on profession	13
Members received by letter	2
Adults baptized	8
Infants baptized	2
Presbyteries visited	4
Elders ordained	1
Installation services	1
Ordinations	1
Church anniversary assisted in celebrating	1
Moderated Church meetings	19
Churches supplied with pastors	25
Letters written	2,411
Miles traveled	16,358
Received for preaching services	$271.38
Expended, traveling expenses	$243.90
Postage, stationery and telegraphing	$36.76

After addresses by Hon. John I. Platt and Rev. Dana W. Bigelow D.D., the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That in view of the greatness of the work done within this state, we will seek to advance and enlarge the work of Synodical Home Missions and to conduct the work with new enthusiasm and greater financial support.

2. We endorse the plan of the Synodical Committee, which, calls for a fund of $23,925 for the proper care of the work for the coming year.

3. We approve of the endeavor to be made to secure the full coöperation of all the Presbyteries, by the appointment of a Committee of Conference.

4. We recommend that the executive Committee be constituted as follows: Hon. John I. Platt, Rev. Messrs. George Fairlee, Dana W. Bigelow, D.D., John A. McIntosh and Elders, Horace B. Silliman, LL.D., Albert B. Stevens, Dewitt C. Hurd, George P. Conard, Alfred E. Marling, Benjamin P. Wayne.

5. That Rev. George Fairlee be re-elected treasurer for the ensuing year with expression of our appreciation of his work.

6. That Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., be appointed Synodical Superintendent for the ensuing year with the same salary as last year.

7. That the Executive Committee appoint a Missionary Evangelist to be employed under its direction according to the request of the Presbyteries.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows and its recommendations were adopted:

1. In reference to a Memorial from the Presbytery of Westchester attacking certain members of the State Legislature for their attitude on excise legislation, it is recommended that it be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

2. That in regard to the Overture from Brooklyn Presbytery seeking a reduction in the representation in Synod, that no action be taken.

3. That the overture from St. Lawrence Presbytery relating to work among Foreign tongued people be referred to the committee on Synodical Missions.

4. That the overture from Niagara Presbytery relating to Sunday Service on railroads be referred to the committee on Sabbath observance.

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, and after an address by the Rev. A. Woodruff Halsey, D.D., Secretary of the board, the report was approved:

The Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions makes reverent record of the death of one of its members, Elder Albert J. Pitkin,—a man diligent in business, fervent in spirit, ever serving the Lord.

During the year, the committee has addressed the Foreign Missions committee in every one of the home Presbyteries, and has made an effort to be a means of communication between the Board and the churches of the Synod, and a cause of quickening to the sessions.

The committee has given consideration to the call of the General Assembly for an increase in the gifts for Foreign Missions in the current year,—for an advance of one-third beyond the greatest amount ever contributed before by the church. Truly this would be a fit monument for marking a year like this,—a year of so many rare anniversaries.

But the committee, after considering its own field, is constrained to believe that the desired increase will be impossible within our bounds, unless the matter is taken up with the greatest vigor and with a careful adjustment of the ways and means for securing the end in view. While the committee appreciates all efforts to increase

the gifts of the people by special appeals for some immediate action under the influence of some stirring summons, it must record its conviction that the greatest need of the hour is the employment of those *educational* and *inspirational* methods which shall develop the deeper motives for giving. There may be a grave danger, lest, in the eager quest for immediate gifts, there may be a neglect of the true missionary spirit, the deep and enduring source of the best benevolence.

Accordingly, the committee would call attention to some of the means for cultivating the grace of giving. As one year ago, the committee would now urge the re-establishment of the Monthly Concert of Prayer wherever its observance may have lapsed; and where it is still maintained, the committee would recommend special and persistent effort to make the service correspond more fully with the original intent. Again, attention is called to the organization of the Mission Study classes approved by the Board. Where these have been formed, there has been a new desire to read about Missions and give for Missions. Moreover, there has been not only an increased interest but an increase in the number interested. Enlarged giving has followed. It is believed by the committee, that individual churches or groups of churches would find valuable instruction and large inspiration in a visit, at least once in the year, from some able representative of the Board,—a messenger from headquarters, a man speaking with knowledge and authority. Therefore the committee calls upon the Foreign Missions committee in each Presbytery, to enter into early correspondence with the Board with a view of obtaining some such speaker, and that, when the way be clear and the desire manifest, an itinerary be arranged throughout the churches of the Presbytery. Emphasis is placed again upon the methods suggested in the "Forward Movement." In many cases the linking of the specific parish abroad with the individual congregation at home has proved potent for the increase of prayer and of gifts. The results thus far are highly favorable. Even though the proposed method cannot be adopted in the case of every congregation, each Presbyterial committee is urged to take such action as may bring the plan before each church. Attention is called to the value of the "living link" in the relation of the churches at home. Let there be a Foreign Missions committee in each Session, reporting to the committee in the Presbytery; let the latter keep in constant communication with the Synodical committee, and through it with the Board or the General Assembly; and all along the line, with no cut in the wires or break in the cable, the news and the nerve can do their work. High praise is given by the committee to the Assembly Herald; and the monthly magazine issued jointly by the several Woman's Boards is worthy of large commendation. The committee would urge the consideration of plans by which these publications may be put into the hands of every family in each congregation. Let other missionary literature, now so abundant and excellent, have a wider circulation.

Horace Bushnell said long ago;—What we wait for and are looking hopefully to see, is the consecration of the vast money power of the world to the work of Jesus Christ. It has not come yet; and while the committee commends each one of the methods named above, it declares (in its closing word to the Synod), its deepened conviction that the supreme agency for securing money for the spread of the Gospel is found in the deepening of the piety of the people. The great gifts and the great aggregate in giving are not the fruits of the best methods, but of a profound movement in the soul. For this let us labor, and pray and hope.

The committee on the place of the next meeting reported a cordial invitation from the Lafayette Avenue church, Brooklyn.

The invitation was accepted with the hearty thanks of the Synod, and the session of that church was appointed the committee of arrangements with power to add to their number.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed in charge of the Moderator and Rev. William R. Richards, D.D.; the following Elders assisted in distributing the elements:—Rush Taggart, John H. McDonald, George P. Conard, James F. Atkinson, Robert T. Hazzard, C. H. Mason, James Rodgers, E. Ashley Smith, William E. McComb, George B. Thompson, Dr. Willis P. Weaver.

Synod then adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock; closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions. Joseph Ernest McAfee, Associate Secretary of the Board, spoke in behalf of Home Missions and Secretary A. Woodruff Halsey, D.D., presented the cause of Foreign Missions.

THURSDAY, October 18, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the moderator.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee of visitors to the University of the City of New York presented the following report which was accepted:

The Synod may well rejoice that the New York University stands within its bounds. (1) It is beautiful for situation. From the ample acres of its new home at University Heights, one can see the gray walls of the Palisades, the majestic Hudson, the busy Harlem, and between these two rivers, the abundant evidences of the throbbing life of America's greatest city. (2) It stands on historic ground. The site of Fort Washington is near. The fields where patriots struggled for our liberties are hard by. The discovery of the cannon balls and the musket bullets in the vicinity gives evidence of the severity of the conflict waged here in other days. (3) It has good apparatus for work in the magnificent buildings already reared. The splendid Library, exquisite in design and decoration, towering above the Hall of

Fame and its bronze records of the great spirits of our country, is surrounded by other structures of ample proportions, of modern device and equipment. When the scheme for the campus has been fully realized, in the brick and the stone; when the needed buildings shall all have been reared; the quadrangle and the communicating courts will form an academic seat of rare grandeur and conspicuous beauty. (4) It attracts a noble body of students. The College of Arts and Pure Science has an increasing enrollment. The placing of this College at University Heights has been followed by the change desired and expected,—the rapid growth from a day school for city students into a residence college for men from the whole country.

The committee received every courtesy from Chancellor MacCracken during a full morning; and in accordance with invitations previously extended, the members of the committee took luncheon with Chancellor and Mrs. MacCracken in their attractive home overlooking the campus. The committee had an opportunity of seeing the undergraduates assembled in the chapel, and heard them join in some favorite songs and a hymn. Visits followed in lecture-room and laboratory, in museum, shops, gymnasium and "commons," and the Committee walked across the well-appointed athletic field.

The committee would record its delight with the fine spirit of the members of the University, as this was revealed in the association with the undergraduate students and with members of the Faculty, during the day of the visit. Some observations call for special mention:—I. The presence of a full Faculty gives the undergraduate the advantages found in the smaller institution,—the close relation of the preceptor and the pupil. The touch of some man of strength is felt by each youth. Thus the advantages of the life in the independent college in the small town are combined with the privileges found in the metropolis and in association with the intellectual life of a great University. II. The University has been mindful of the needs and the desires of many teachers and others whose college course was interrupted, who now wish to complete their collegiate education. Accordingly there has been established at Washington Square a special course of study, with classes in the late afternoon or evening or on Saturday, where work of a strictly collegiate grade is required. III. This year marks the eightieth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Howard Crosby, a Moderator of this Synod, and a Chancellor of the University for eleven years. He was active, scholarly, devout, a fearless champion of righteousness. It is proposed to raise as a memorial of this great man a fund to be known as the "Howard Crosby Classical Library Fund," to be used for strengthening the classical department of the University's library.

For many reasons, the New York University should be dear to the members of this Synod. It deserves the generous gifts and the hearty prayers of the whole Church. The University has no legal relation with the Synod or the General Assembly; but in the Faculty, the Council, and in the student body, Presbyterianism has large representation. Well might our Church do for this University, (in its present need of more buildings and greatly increased endowments), what other denominations are doing conspicuously for other institutions of higher education. Here is the place where generosity could not fail of reward.

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly reported

that while no special action was called for on the part of the Synod, special attention should be called to Evangelistic work and the Brotherhood movement, as there presented.

The report was accepted.

The visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented their report which was accepted and its recommendation was adopted, the following is the substance of the report.

Every facility was offered us to become acquainted with the work, the ideals, the hopes and needs of the seminary.

The President and Faculty gave us much valuable time and information. We attended some class rooms to learn the quality of the instruction. We interviewed certain students as to the thoroughness and extent of the instruction received and of its soundness in the faith.

Inquiry was also made as to whether attention was called to the ministers' personal habits, to his qualifications and equipment as a business man.

We feel that Auburn Seminary is successfully striving to turn out ministers who shall be thoroughly equipped not only for the pulpit, but also for the work of the pastor.

We also sought to learn what impression was made on the devotional and spiritual life of the students by the men who are set over them as instructors.

The classes in the Seminary are not too large to prevent direct personal contact with the instructors,—the high character of the faculty uplifts and sanctifies the characters of the students. They not only admire the profound scholarship of their teachers but also the beauty and grace of lives lived in fellowship with Christ.

Again both Faculty and Students have mighty faith in the Seminary. They love it for what it is and have high hopes for its future. This enthusiasm is one of its most valuable assets. It may be poor in this world's goods, but it is rich and blessed in its influence.

In our observation we found nothing to demand criticism, but much to commend.

To complete the course in the Seminary, a man cannot be an idler. He comes under the personal influence of men of God, consecrated, prepared to train men to preach and teach others, especially teachers in our Sunday Schools.

Again Auburn holds a strategic position; all classes and conditions of men are under her eyes and at her door. She trains men for the ministry closely and under the very conditions in which nine-tenths of our ministry must spend their lives.

To know the city, its thought and life, is no proof that you know the men of the farm and the village. The preaching and methods of work suitable there may not be adapted to rural populations.

The farm, villages and smaller cities need it quite as much as do the great cities, for they feed the City's life. Did the city give birth to those men who stand in our great metropolitan pulpits? No, but they were reared in the country. The city churches thrive on the material flowing in to them from the country. Reinforcements come from there or from nowhere. Abandon the country churches and mis-

sion fields and you well-nigh paralyze the metropolitan churches. We must see to it that before the young people break away from farm and village, they are taken captive for the Lord. Auburn Seminary has advantages of situation beyond all price. Its ideal is to make the Seminary a dynamic and radiating center of all that is highest and best in educational and religious culture. Of the seventeen graduates this year, twelve were already under appointment to Home and Foreign work, and all save one, were settled before they had completed their Seminary course.

Of its faithful supporters of the past, many have passed away, there is need of consecrated supporters of this day to take their place.

The endowment of existing chairs should be increased and additional chairs should be established. Lectureships in mission work in Philosophic and Logical studies and on English Literature. There is also need of suitable dwellings for the President and other members of the Faculty.

In former days, Auburn was not so accessible as it is today. The change in the charter has been introduced without friction and appears to safeguard more than ever, the ideal and standing of the seminary.

We must not forget that Auburn Seminary has met with a great loss in the death of Rev. Timothy G. Darling, D.D. The death of Dr. Darling came as a great surprise and profound sorrow. A great loss, but he has left a great legacy to the seminary, and especially to the students who came under his personal influence, and the radiation of the spirit of God, who, in this man, had sway, and filled him with the divine fulness. More than any instruction that human lips might give, was the teaching and moulding power of his life—his sweet charity and his fervent love for the Master and his fellow men.

Many a ministry must be richer in consecration and more fruitful because of what he was and the deep impression he made upon all, of how blessed it is and how possible to walk with God and suddenly to be no more on earth, because the Lord has taken him to himself forever. Auburn Seminary is rich in the legacies of lives.

In view of these facts we recommend that the Synod of New York do most heartily and earnestly commend Auburn Seminary to the love and substantial help of all our churches, by their prayers, by their gifts of money and of their sons to be used for the glory of God, in the training and work of the ministry for the redemption of the world.

Inasmuch as certain papers presenting alleged grievances of Mr. John E. Whitbeck have been presented to the moderator, not strictly judicial in their character, it was ordered that these papers be submitted to a special committee of two ministers and one elder to ascertain what, if any, action is appropriate. The following were appointed such committee. Rev. Anson P. Atterbury, D.D., Rev. William J. Cumming and Elder Robert Wallace.

A letter from the stated clerk of the Presbytery of Porto Rico was read requesting to be excused from sending up the minutes of that Presbytery to Synod, on account of the distance and inconvenience.

The Synod directed that a certified copy of its minutes be sent annually to the stated clerk of the Synod.

The committee appointed to nominate the Trustees of Synod and the Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College reported, and the following persons recommended were duly elected by ballot:

Trustees of the Synod: Rev. J. Frederick Fitschen, Jr., Rev. John F. Carson D.D., Benjamin P. Wayne, James L. Jacobs.

Trustees of Elmira College: Mrs. Howard Elmer, A.B., William S. Truman, F. M. Howell, Arthur Clinton, Elmer Dean, Alexander Davidson.

Examiners of Elmira College: Rev. Charles A. Richmond, D.D., Rev J. Wilford Jacks, D.D., Ezra J. Peck, L.L.D., for the term expiring in 1909. Rev. Peter R. Ross D.D., in place of Rev. Frederick W. Palmer, D.D., resigned, for the term expiring in 1908.

The committee on Sabbath observance offered its report which was accepted and the following recommendations were adopted:

During the year, while there has been much to depress the hearts of every lover of the Lord's Day, on the other hand there is much for which to be grateful. All vices thrive best, where the first day of the week is disregarded. As church altars are forsaken, reverence for God is stolen from a nation's heart. Our chief peril lies not in the course of the lower classes, who turn the Sabbath into a debauch and carousal, but is found in the more refined, respectable christian ranks at whose hands the Sabbath is fast becoming a holiday. There the warning should be loudest sounded.

Says Bishop Worthington: "It would appear that the command of God, 'Hallow my Sabbath' is understood by so called Christians to mean, go to the country club, swing the golf sticks, test the speed of your automobile, invite your friends to elaborately furnished tables, forgetting that your man servant and your maid servant shall rest on the Lord's Day as well as thou." That little paragraph from the Bishop's letter provoked a hot discussion.

The American Christian household begins to realize how souls are being lured away from God. In one case there was a sacred Sunday night concert at which trick elephants performed. We do not know how they assisted the *holy* orchestra.

We turn from such mockeries of the day and ask, What signs of promise can we see in the Sabbath horizon?

There is the Canadian Lord's Day Alliance which has been instrumental in decreasing the number of Sunday trains. The excursion feature of those trains has been well nigh eliminated.

The Sunday observance bill has been passed. Under it no Sunday newspapers can be published in Canada or imported from the United States; no games or amusements for gain can be played on the Lord's Day.

In London, no Sunday newspapers are published. At a recent large meeting, a letter was read from the chief Rabbi of the Jews in England full of "Sympathy with every movement looking to the observance of the Christian day of rest."

In Holland, the Dutch Cabinet, through the personal influence of the Queen, will introduce a bill for the better observance of Sunday, so as to secure to all labor-

ers, absolute rest from toil. This will close not only factories and forges, but also theaters and beer gardens and deal a heavy blow against the Continental Sunday. In Belgium eight hundred and eighty nine freight trains have been recently dispensed with. In France a recent order closes at noon, Sunday, seven thousand of the smaller post offices, thus favoring the laboring classes. In Italy there is a national movement in progress, to enforce a "National Lord's Day Law" which shall compel the suspension of all unnecessary business throughout the land.

A World's Sunday Congress is to be held in 1909 in connection with the three hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the Hudson.

When our National Congress appropriated one million dollars for the Exposition to be held at Jamestown, Virginia, next year, the following stipulation was made, "The grounds of the Exposition shall be closed on Sundays." We have Sabbath laws in forty-three states and three territories, though sad to say they are not rigidly enforced.

We recommend:

1. That while thanking God for the marked increase of agitation on the vital question of Sabbath observance, pastors and elders be enjoined to run the plow share of argument and appeal, deeper.

2. That Christians within our bounds be urged to set forth by precept and example a more positive deference to and reverence for the Lord's Day.

3. That the Synod of New York endorse most heartily the following deliverances of the last general assembly on this question:

(a) Respecting the authority of the Christian Sabbath, as found in the Law of God and confirmed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

(b) In the interest of both capital and labor, emphatic disapproval of all secular uses of the day.

(c) Unqualified condemnation of the Sunday newspaper.

(d) That a Sabbath Committee be organized in each Presbytery to co-operate with similar Committees of other denominations.

(e) Sympathy with and endorsement of the work of the American Sabbath Union and other organizations for the promotion of Sabbath observance and that a sermon be preached in April next by each pastor of our communion, at which time an offering shall be made and forwarded to the American Sabbath Union.

Pending the adoption of the report, addresses on the subject were made by Rev. Frederick J. Stanley D.D., Secretary of the American Sabbath Union and Rev. Martin D. Kneeland D.D., Secretary of the New England Protective League.

It was ordered that the Synod of New York through its stated Clerk request the Buffalo Express and other papers, not to publish any picture of the officers of the Synod, or of the Synod itself in their Sunday editions.

The committee to nominate visitors to colleges and seminaries presented the following report which was adopted.

New York University: *Ministers.*—Alexander G. Russell, Robert I. McBride, Samuel K. Piercy; *Elders.*—Henry W. Jessup, Robert C. Mallette.

Auburn Seminary: *Ministers.*—George C. Frost, Alfred H. Fahnestock, David F. Bonner; *Elders.*—Eugene F. Parker, William A. Brodie.

Hamilton College: *Ministers.*—William E. Kimball, John J. Lawrence, Alexander McGaffin; *Elders.*—Burr Wendell, Charles F. Blanding.

The special committee on Home and Synodical Missions, Rev. Rice V. Hunter, D.D., chairman, presented the following report:

Your special committee would report progress and ask to be continued for another year. By another year we hope to have something definite to report which we trust will work for the enlargement of our local work and result in increased gifts to the Home Board.

The report was accepted and the committee continued.

The report of the Nominating Committee of the Woman's Synodical Society of Home Missions was presented, accepted and the nominations were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes:

Your Committees desires to congratulate the Woman's Synodical Society for the very efficient and faithful work which they are doing for the Kingdom. As they say, while they have been unable to increase their gifts to the treasury of the Woman's Home Mission Board the past year, they have made advance in their general contributions. Ten thousand dollars have been given to the Helen A. Wells Building. We trust that the women of our Synod may discover more efficient methods, if possible, that they may increase their gifts, their zeal and their faith, that the cause of our Redeemer may be advanced more and more. That they may be blessed in their good work is our constant prayer.

See Appendix.

The Committee on the Board of Education presented its report which was accepted and after an address by Rev. George B. Stewart, D.D., its recommendations were adopted.

The receipts of the Board of Education were $30,000 less than the previous year. The Synod of New York gave $8,354 a gain over the previous year. About four-fifths of our churches made contributions.

The total number of students aided by the Board was 699, an increase of 42 over the year before. Of all those aided 56 were from this Synod. Our eastern colleges are not furnishing their proportion of students.

The work of education for the ministty begins in the home and in the home church. Parents must feel the high privilege of giving their sons to the Lord's service, and pastors must impress this responsibility.

Your Committee is gratified with the increasing number of pastors who personally instruct the baptized children of the church in communion classes.

Our reunion with the Cumberland church gives us renewed responsibilities. A large number of their students are to be educated and the Board will treat them liberally, but larger gifts are needed to meet the present emergency.

The Board is emphasizing our educational requirements urging Presbyteries only to ordain such men as have passed through the course of study prescribed by our standards.

Soon after the year closed, the Board of Education lost from the work, Rev. Edward B. Hodge, D.D., a Secretary, who has long been identified with the work, an able administrator, a courtly gentleman, a consecrated servant of Christ. We have met a great loss and express our profound sorrow that we can no longer have his services and counsel.

We recommend:

1. That our churches recognize the new field that has been opened in the reunion with the Cumberland church, and meet the opportunity with increased offerings to this Board.

2. That pastors and sessions present the needs of this Board to their congregations until the people feel how vital it is to the continuance of the life of the church.

3. That the last Thursday of January be observed as a day of Prayer for Colleges, in which we ask believingly for God's best blessings of life, light and power in the Holy Ghost, for our students.

Synod was then addressed by Rev. Judson Swift, D.D., a representative of the American Tract Society. In this connection, the following minute was adopted:

The Synod reaffirms the action of past Synods, in commending the work of the American Tract Society, which has been and is so potent an agency in world wide evangelization. We gratefully acknowledge its past contribution of literature to the immigrants and to the missionary fields of our own and other denominations.

We recognize the indispensable service rendered to the missionary work in the island possessions in the preparation of Christian literature in the Spanish language. In this connection we make special mention of the recently published "New Testament with Notes." We notice the increasing demand for christian literature at foreign mission stations and rejoice that the Tract Society is producing this literature in increasing quantities.

In the language of the last General Assembly, the Synod earnestly urges that each of our churches make an annual and liberal offering for the support of the work of the American Tract Society.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows in reference to the memorials and papers from the Westminster Presbyterian church, New York City and the report was approved.

The Petitioners claiming to represent the Westminster Presbyterian church of West 23rd Street, New York City, having by their own act, renounced the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of New York and being therefore, not at present in relation with this body, it is the judgment of your Committee that the petitioners have no standing in this court.

We would affectionately recommend to the petitioners that they seek to reunite themselves with the Presbytery of New York and we have confidence that the

Presbytery will receive and cordially welcome them, that the breaches may be healed and the cause of Jesus Christ prospered in the church.

Elder George E. Sterry, was heard in the *interests* of the American Bible Society.

Mr. J. C. Day, a representative of General Assembly's Committee, spoke in behalf of the Presbyterian Brotherhood.

Mr. W. H. Anderson presented the interests of the Anti-Saloon League.

Synod then took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 18, 2 o'clock P.M.

Synod convened and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on a Proposed Mileage System reported, recommending that no further action be taken and that the Committee be discharged. The report was accepted and the Committee was discharged.

The Committee on Synodical Missions reported as follows on the overture as to foreign-tongued people sent down to them by the Synod. The report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

In reply to the overture from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence concerning work in the interest of people of foreign tongues now in our midst, we recommend:

1. That all our Presbyteries be reminded of their opportunity and urgent duty in taking careful oversight of the classes referred to, now in large numbers within their borders.

2. That the Executive Committee on Synodical Home Missions be instructed to confer with the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Publication and Sunday School Work for co-operation and be authorized to conduct work at an expense for the year not to exceed $1000, this money to be taken, if necessary, from the Synodical Home Mission treasury.

The Special Committee on the Papers presented by John E. Whitbeck reported, recommending that no further action be taken. It was so ordered.

The Committee on Temperance presented its report, which was accepted and the following recommendations were adopted:

Your Committee will make its report brief, not because the subject entrusted to it, is lacking in importance or value, nor because we believe it unworthy the serious and extended attention of Synod, but because we understand that the representatives of the Presbytery of Westchester desire that as much time as possible may be allowed for the consideration of their overture. We are in sympathy with this wish.

Partly for this reason and partly because we have not adequately investigated the

matter, we ask to be excused from reporting on "the substitutes for the saloon" referred to us by the last Synod. It is with sincere regret we find ourselves unable to report upon this matter, for your committee entertains, as it did a year ago, the opinion that some of the most effective temperance work is to be done along these lines. Your Committee still cherishes the hope that this Synod, through a competent Committee, will investigate this matter and will point out ways by which the saloon may be eliminated by the process of substitution.

We would call the attention of Synod, and of our pastors and churches to the sane and aggressive work being done by our Assembly's Committee on Temperance, and would commend that Committee to their support.

There has been referred to your committee an overture from the Presbytery of Westchester. This overture is contained in a printed document entitled "Facts and Findings of the Committee on Temperance of the Presbytery of Westchester" with respect to the failure of the legislature of the State of New York, to pass the Medicine Labelling Bill and the Local Option Extension Bill, in 1906.

This document is the Presbytery's communication to Synod; it has been before your Committee and it accompanies this report.

The overture embraced in it is found on pages 7 and 8, and to it we refer.

Your Committee recognizes the force of an objection to the adoption of this overture based upon the desirableness of keeping the Church from even the appearance of meddling in politics. Some of the members of your Committee sympathize with this view, and believe that it will be a sad day for the Church and the State, when either institution so far forgets itself as to step beyond its own domain into the domain of the other. But your Committee also recognizes that this objection must not be pressed to the exclusion of the Church from a potent and effective activity in all moral interests; even though they may be, for the time being, involved with political questions. We believe it possible and highly desirable for the Church to take such a position on the political aspects of the temperance question as to avoid, on the one hand, pernicious interference with the affairs of the State, and on the other hand, the mere well-wishing, or the mere expressing of excellent judgments which are ineffective from lack of suitable active support.

In such a great cause, we may not allow the Church to imperil other great interests by unwise zeal nor to fail to come to the help of the Lord against the mighty, because of supineness or timidity.

We, therefore, recommend:

1. That the Synod declare its approval of the principles embodied in the two measures, before the late legislature of the State of New York, commonly known as the "Medicine Labelling Bill" and the "Local Option Extension Bill," and petition the next legislature to pass bills requiring the proper labelling of all proprietary medicines containing alcohol, narcotics and other harmful drugs sold within the State of New York, and of bills extending the right of Local Option to villages and cities and portions thereof.

2. That Synod most heartily approve the support given in the last legislature by those members of the Assembly and Senate to the Tully-Wainwright Bill; and we earnestly condemn the action of those members of the Assembly's Committee on Public Health who obstructed the passage of the Stevens-Wainwright Bill, and of

those leaders in the Senate who refused to allow the Tully-Wainwright Bill, passed by the Assembly, to come to a vote in the Senate.

3. That Synod's new Committee be instructed immediately to communicate with Pastors in such manner as shall seem to them wise and most expedient, asking them to urge voters in their congregations to support in the November elections such candidates for the Assembly and Senate as are known to favor the principles embodied in these two measures.

The work of the College Board was presented by its Secretary Rev. James S. Dickson.

The Committee to Collate the Reports of the Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries reported, recommending, that the records of the following Presbyteries be approved:

Albany	Columbia	Niagara	Steuben
Binghamton	Genesee	North River	Syracuse
Boston	Geneva	Otsego	Troy
Buffalo	Long Island	Rochester	Utica
Champlain	Lyons	St. Lawrence	Westchester
Chemung	New York		

The report was adopted.

The Committee further reported as follows and the report was adopted:

It recommends for approval the Records of the Presbytery of Nassau, except that Presbytery erred in ordering a church to adopt the rotary system of eldership.

The records of Brooklyn Presbytery were approved with the following exceptions:

1. That in several instances, ministers were invited to sit as corresponding members, their Christian names, and ecclesiastical connections being omitted.

2. That a licentiate was dismissed without giving the name of the body to which he was sent.

3. That a Mr. Rice is named but who or what he is, is not recorded.

The records of the following Presbyteries were not presented:

Cayuga	Eastern Persia	North Laos	Siam
Chili	Hudson	Porto Rico	

The report of the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work was presented and after an address by Rev. John N. Lyle, its recommendations were adopted:

The report is a story of progress and achievement. The Board has four lines of activity, Missionary, Sunday school training, Literary and Commercial; and has three distinct departments, business, editorial and Sunday school Work.

The volume of business was larger last year than ever before. The business and missionary interests of the Board are entirely distinct. The business department is entirely self-supporting and yields a handsome profit, two-thirds of which is devoted to the Missionary work of the Board, amounting last year to $17,999.29.

The editorial work is ably conducted and our Lesson Helps and Periodicals maintain a high standard.

We are pleased to note the publication of a religious paper in the Bohemian language. A Sunday school paper in the Hungarian language is also proposed. Bible picture cards with texts and comments are published in the Italian, Spanish, Bohemian and Polish tongues. Thus the editorial department aids the missionary cause.

Missionary work through the Sabbath school has made steady progress. Last year 157 missionaries and colporteurs were laboring in our country. These faithful workers organized 715 new schools, revived 317 lapsed schools and organized 74 Presbyterian churches. In 18 years they have organized 966 Presbyterian churches or an average of more than one church a week.

The union with the Cumberland church is already opening up an immense field for work. The Sabbath School Missionary is a pioneer in the true sense and often precedes the representatives of the Home Board in the needy fields throughout the land.

This Synod last year gave $24,424, for this cause, an advance of $1070 over the preceding year. The work is large and promising, and we bespeak for it the hearty and generous support of all our churches.

We recommend:

1. That greater efforts be made to reach the men and bring them into the Sunday school, in classes organized and conducted in their interest.

2. That Children's Day and Rally Day be observed in our Sunday schools and that special efforts be made at these services to increase the offering for Presbyterian Sabbath School Missions.

We note with gladness in this connection that at the last Children's Day services $62,876.64 were given for this cause, an increase of $3,220.02 over the previous year.

3. That Rev. John N. Lyle be recommended to the Board of Publication and Sabbath school work for reappointment by that Board, as the representative of its Missionary Department within the bounds of this Synod.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report which was accepted and its recommendation was adopted:

Your Committee has examined the report of the Treasurer of Synod, compared the vouchers with the charges and find the same correct and recommend its approval.

The following is the Treasurer's report for the year ending Oct. 1, 1906.

Balance on hand	$1835 48
From Presbyteries due 1904–5	224 02
From Presbyteries due 1905–6	1006 68
Interest	51 24
	$3117 42

Disbursements		
Salary, Stated Clerk	$400 00	
Salary, Permanent Clerk, 1905	150 00	
Salary, Permanent Clerk, 1906	150 00	
Temporary Clerks	40 00	
Printing Minutes and Postage on same	216 60	
Bond Treasurer of Synodical Missions	20 00	
Mileage Board of Trustees	26 67	
Elmira examiners, Mileage	46 00	
Janitor, Park Church Syracuse	10 00	
Manhattan Storage Co.	6 00	
Stationery and Postage, Stated Clerk	16 95	
Stationery and Postage, Treasurer	3 50	
Copying will of Miss Tribe	1 20	
	$1086 92	
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		$2030 50
Oct. 1, 1906, due from Presbyteries		348 50

We recommend that the Treasurer be directed to pay out of the treasury ten dollars to the janitor of the First Church, Lockport, for his services in connection with this meeting of Synod.

Rev. George Alexander, D.D., presented the report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief. The report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted, as follows :

During the past year, this Synod drew from the Board of Relief, $19,570 or $315 less than the previous year. The contributions from the churches amounted to $23,375, an increase of $4,129 over the preceding year. This year our contributions exceed what was drawn out to the extent of $3,805.47, thus with four other Synods reaching the roll of honor and being second only to the Synod of Pennsylvania.

There has also been an increase in the number of contributing churches. Twenty-three more churches contributed this year than last. Excluding the Foreign Mission churches 288 churches failed to contribute last year. In North River Presbytery, all but two of its churches made an offering. The average contribution for the entire Synod was .0996 per communicant. While we have done better this year than last, we have not yet come up to the full measure of our duty.

The present rate of giving provides a meagre allowance for the faithful servants of the church who have given their lives to christian activity, and whom, in all honor, we are bound to support in the time of adversity or declining strength. The largest allowance in a case of need, three hundred dollars, should at least be doubled when you think of the increased cost of living; of what other churches and organizations do for their disabled, widowed and orphaned, of what the great Presbyterian church is easily able to do, and we believe would do, if the cause were adequately presented to our churches so that people of means may give intelligently.

Our own Synod should sustain this cause more generously. We cannot excuse ourselves by saying these non-contributing churches are weak and cannot sustain themselves. For on the list we find some strong churches doing nothing for this cause. When we are told that one in every eight of the families represented on our ministerial roll today will eventually come to this Board for assistance, it is unpardonable for any church to evade the annual offering or in any minister to fail to bring it to their attention.

The highest average reached by any Synod is a little over thirteen cents per communicant. Our own Synod fell below ten cents a member, and this does not include the ministers who should give something annually to this Board, so that, when in need, they may apply for aid with a good conscience.

It is recommended:

1. That where there are no Presbyterial Committees such be appointed at once, and that according to the "Apportionment Plan," each church be informed by the Presbyterial Committee as to what its offering should be.

2. That ministers and elders be urged to inform their respective churches as to the purposes and needs of the Board, and give to each church member the opportunity to make an offering.

The following report was presented by the Committee on Freedmen. The report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted:

Paul boldly declared to the Greeks on Mars' Hill, "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." The same racial antipathies exist today as in the days of Paul. Each race of men has its own destiny.

According to the census of 1900 there are 9,500,000 negroes in our country. Since 1860, their number has been steadily increasing so much so that the colored population has nearly or quite doubled in that time. Our church for forty-one years has been trying to aid the negro and help to solve his problem.

The Boards appeal to the Church is, that it should help in maintaining 366 Presbyterian churches under 214 colored ministers with 22,189 members and 21,576 Sabbath school scholars, who are being trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

They also have 113 Christian schools among the Freedmen with 314 Missionary Teachers and 13,852 pupils who are being daily taught the Bible and the shorter catechism along with a practical and industrial training.

The Board for the seventh time has closed the year without any outstanding obligations, the increase of church collections exceeded those of the previous year by twenty nine hundred and eighty four dollars and the total receipts from all sources were $201,633, this amount exceeded the offerings of the previous year by $11,979 and was the largest amount ever received in any one year, and still this large sum is about $91,000 less then the amount recommended by the General Assembly as needed to carry on this work.

Now how do the offerings of this Synod compare with the offerings of other Synods, are we doing our share of the work and paying our share of the expense, the Church owes to God for this cause? Of our 936 churches, 900 contributed to this

cause, $29,518 an average of fourteen cents for each communicant. The total offerings exceed those of the previous year by $474 all of which indicates something wrong in our Synod. Is not our humiliation the same as when we consider our offerings to the other great causes? Is it not due to real ignorance of the real needs of the Freedmen's cause, to lack of the right method in raising money or to defect in our spiritual vitality or perhaps to an absence of the spirit of self sacrifice?

It is recommended:

1. That we express to the women of our Synod, our keen appreciation of their fruitful efforts during the past year to sustain the work of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

2. That all our Presbyteries be asked to strive during the year to increase our offerings for the Freedmen's Board.

The Committee on Young Peoples' Societies presented its report which was accepted.

The committee to nominate the Permanent committees for the ensuing two years reported their recommendations which were adopted. (see appendix).

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that the following members had been permitted, for adequate reasons, to withdraw before the close of the sessions, and the report was accepted:

Presbytery of Albany: *Minister*—Charles A. Richmond.

Boston: *Minister*—Herbert A. Manchester; *Elder*—Alexander McDonald.

Brooklyn: *Ministers*—Frederick T. Steele, Robert H. Anthony, Ira W. Henderson; *Elders*—George P. Conard, Thomas Norris.

Buffalo: *Ministers*—W. Closson McGarvey, J. Forbes Robinson; *Elders*—Robert T. Hazzard, William L. Ostrom.

Cayuga: *Minister*—Frederick W. Palmer.

Chemung: *Minister*—George W. Warren: *Elders*—David C. Blair, James M. Ormiston.

Columbia: *Minister*—Ernest G. Wood.

Genesee: *Minister*—James A. Anderson; *Elder*—Lewis D. Collins.

Geneva: *Minister*—William W. Weller.

Hudson: *Elder*—J. Edward Smith.

Long Island: *Minister*—Richard S. Campbell.

Lyons: *Ministers*—Carl W. Scovel, David B. McMurdy.

Nassau: *Ministers*—Robert G. Leitch, Alexander G. Russell.

New York: *Ministers*—Charles A. Stoddard, John H. Edwards, George Alexander, Frederick E. Shearer, Walter D. Buchanan, William R. Richards, Anson P. Atterbury, A. Edwin Keigwin; *Elders*—Robert Wallace, James Yereance, Frederick C. Colton, George E. Sterry, Silas B. Brownell, George S. Humphreys, John H. McDonald, William Thomson.

Niagara: *Ministers*—Duncan Cameron, Joseph Criswell; *Elder*—Robert Anderson.

Rochester: *Ministers*—Charles P. Coit, Francis R. Wade; *Elders*—Irving G. Clark, C. H. Mason.

Steuben: *Minister*—Charles N. Frost; *Elders*—Hyatt C. Hatch, Uri Balcom.

Syracuse: *Ministers*—W. Courtland Robinson, Murray S. Howland; *Elder*—Irving J. Clark.

Troy: *Minister*—J. Harry Dunham; *Elders*—Edward H. Boughton, E.Ogden Ross, William McBride, Burton K. Woodward.

Utica: *Minister*—Charles S. Richardson; *Elders*—Fred M. Orton, Dewitt C Hurd.

Westchester: *Ministers*—William J. Cumming, J. M. Trout; *Elders*—Frederick Lent, L. W. P. Norris.

The Minutes of today's sessions were read and approved.

The Synod engaged in devotional services conducted by Rev. George Alexander, D.D.

Synod then took a recess until 7:30 o'clock P. M. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 18, 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Evening worship was observed under the direction of the moderator.

The cause of Ministerial Relief was presented in an address given by Rev. Rice V. Hunter, D.D.

Rev. Samuel J. Fisher, D.D., president of the Freedmen's Board, spoke in the interest thereof.

Synod was also addressed by Miss Wilson, a teacher in Franklinton, North Carolina, who told of the work of the Board among her people.

The rate of assessment this year for Synodical purposes was placed at the rate of five mills per communicant.

On motion of Rev. John Q. Adams, the following action was taken:

The Synod of New York at the close of its twenty-fifth annual session, one of the most harmonious and uplifting in its history, desires, first of all to express its gratitude to Almighty God for his manifold presence and gracious blessing which has rested upon us from the beginning to the close of our meeting. It has been good to be here, and we go forth to our appointed work with renewed faith and courage, confident once more that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

We also wish to record our hearty appreciation of the abounding courtesy and hospitality of all who have contributed to our comfort and fellowship.

We especially mention the railroads which have granted reduced rates of fare to members of Synod, the various daily papers for their excellent reports, the pastor of this beloved and venerable church, the Committee of Arrangements and entertain-

ment with their numerous assistants; the choir of the church and perhaps most gratefully of all, the many friends whose homes have been so generously opened to us, that we have learned once more that hospitality is not wholly a lost grace, and may the rich grace of our God rest upon and abide with them all.

We would also express our hearty appreciation of the faithful and efficient services of our Clerks and our Moderator under whose wise guidance, business has been carefully and wisely dispatched and the spirituality of all our services maintained.

The Moderator also expressed Synod's appreciation of the hospitality of the First Church of Lockport to which the pastor fitly responded.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries and expenses.

The several Standing Committees were called and having no further business to present, were discharged.

The Roll was called and the following delegates were found absent without the permission of Synod:

Presbytery of Brooklyn: *Minister*—T. Calvin McClelland; *Elders*—James Warnock, James F. Atkinson.

Genesee: *Minister*—Arthur E. Brigden.

Lyons: *Elder*—Harry G. Chapman.

New York: *Elder*—James Martin.

North River: *Minister*—Samuel K. Piercy.

Rochester: *Elder*—John H. McNeil.

Syracuse: *Minister*—Edward J. Humeston.

The remaining Minutes were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet in the LaFayette Avenue Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday, the fifteenth of October, A.D., 1907, at half past seven o'clock P. M.

Concluded with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

DANIEL A. FERGUSON,
Permanent Clerk.

ATTEST:

J. WILFORD JACKS,
Stated Clerk.

Appendix.

I. REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. **The Presbytery of Albany** consists of sixty-five ministers, fifty-one churches, and has under its care, two licentiates and two candidates.

Ministers received:

December 12, 1905, Rev. Henry A. Lewis from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. Norman McLeod from the Presbytery of Champlain; Rev. J. Ervin Johnston from the Presbytery of Sacramento; Rev. Edward A. McMaster from the Presbytery of Syracuse; Rev. David Hutchison Ph.D.,from the Presbytery of Butte;

April 17, 1906, Rev. Robert W. Hill D.D., from the Presbytery of Cimmaron;

September 18, Rev. David C. Davies from the Presbytery of Platte.

Candidates licensed:

December 12, 1905, William Hooper Adams;

April 17, 1906, Thomas Kirkwood.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 12, 1905, between Rev. John H. Pollock and the Church at Jefferson;

January 26, 1906, between Rev. Daniel M. Geddes and the Mayfield Church;

September 18, between Rev. Harvey Clements and the First Church Gloversville; between Rev. Charles F. Porter and the Church at Corinth.

Installation:

October 24, 1905 Rev. Howard Cornell over the Church at Stephentown;

October 26. Rev. J. Valdemar Moldenhauer over the Second Church Albany;

January 4, 1906, Rev. Edward A. McMaster over the Second Church Saratoga Springs;

June 19, William Hooper Adams over the Church at New Scotland;

April 25, Rev. Spencer M. Adsit over the Vorheesville Church;

Ministers dismissed:

April 17, 1906, Rev. John H. Pollock to the Presbytery of Otsego;

Rev. James P. Bryant to the Albany Classis of the Reformed Church;

June 19, Rev. Hugh Craig to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

September 18, Rev. Minot S. Hartwell to the Western Conference of Congregational Churches in Minnesota.

Name erased from the roll:

December 12, 1905, Rev. William H. Dodd.

Deceased:

February 3, 1906, Rev. Timothy G. Darling, D.D., aged 63 years;

February 18, Licentiate Frank L. Putman aged 26 years;

March 2, Rev. David Lyon aged 94 years.

June 16, Rev. Frederick M. Newman aged 65 years.

II. **The Presbytery of Binghamton** consists of thirty-six ministers, thirty-two Churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:

January 16, 1906, Rev. Albert W. Allen form the Presbytery of Monroe;

April 17, Rev. James M. Simonton from the Presbytery of Long Island;

May 7, Rev. E. Trevor Cooke from the Presbytery of Rochester; Rev. Robert J. Lockhart from the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington from the Presbytery of Troy;

September 18, Rev. Charles J. Moon from the Fairfield Congregational Association.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 2, 1905, between Arthur Spaulding and the Church of Bainbridge;

January 16, 1906, between Rev. G. Parsons Nichols, D.D., and the First Church of Binghamton and at the same time he was made Pastor *Emeritus*.

Installations:

May 15, 1906, Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington, over the Church at Bainbridge;

June 19, Rev. Robert J. Lockhart, over the Church at Nichols.

Ministers dismissed:

December 2, 1905, Rev. Arthur Spalding, to the Presbytery of Troy;

April 16, 1906, Rev. David D. Jenkins, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna:

May 15, Rev. Albert W. Allen, to the Presbytery of Lima;

September 18, Rev. William A. George, to the Presbytery of Otsego.

Died:

June 9, 1906, Rev. George D. Horton at Bainbridge, N. Y., being in the 77th year of his age.

III. **The Presbytery of Boston** consists of fifty-seven ministers, and thirty-nine churches and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received:

November 20, 1905, Rev. John P. MacPhie from the Presbytery of Pictou, Canada;

December 18, Rev. Frank Willcock from the Presbytery of Charleston; Rev. James Alexander from the Suffolk South Association of Congregational ministers of Boston;

April 17, 1906, Rev. William C. McIntyre from the Presbytery of Glengarry, Canada; Rev. James B. Dare from the Presbytery of Syracuse;

June 18, Rev. Edward Eells from the Presbytery of Newton; Rev. Aquilla Webb, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Hudson; Rev. Lester M. Conrow from the Presbytery of Elizabeth; Rev. Richard Lange from the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Candidate taken under the care of Presbytery:

October 3, 1906, Joseph Kerr.

Candidates licensed.
April 18, 1906, William B. MacNeil;
June 18, Thomas Rowan.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
November 20, 1905, between Rev. Wm. Albert Brown, Ph.D., and the Church at Lonsdale;
December 18, between Rev. George MacLennan and the church at Graniteville;
January 20, 1906, between Rev. Geo. Whitefield Mead, Ph.D., and the First Church at Newport;
February 26, between Rev. George C. Mueller and the German Church at Lawrence;
April 17, between Rev. Samuel F. French and the Church at Londonderry;
October 3, between Rev. Samuel C. Gunn, D.D., and the Scotch Church, Boston.

Ordinations:
April 18, 1906, William B. MacNeil;
October 3, Thomas Rowan.

Installations:
November 28, 1905, Rev. John P. MacPhie, over the First Church, Lynn;
December 14, Rev. Wm. Albert Brown, Ph.D., over the Hyde Park Church;
January 25, 1906, Rev. James Alexander, over the First Church, Boston;
April 26, Rev. James B. Dare, over the Lonsdale Church;
May 2, Rev. William C. McIntyre, over the First Church, Barre;
May 10, Rev. Frank Willcock, over the Park St. Church, Portland;
June 18, Rev. Lester M. Conrow, over the First Church, New Bedford;
June 19, Rev. Aquilla Webb, Ph.D., over the First Church, Newport;
June 28, Rev. Edward Eells, over the Globe Church, Fall River;
September 9, Rev. Richard Lange, over the German Church, Lawrence.

Ministers dismissed:
November 20, 1905, Rev. George A. Humphries to the Presbytery of Lehigh;
December 18, Rev. David B. McMurdy to the Presbytery of Lyons;
Rev. George MacLennan to the Presbytery of Montreal;
January 20, 1906, Rev. Geo. Whitefield Mead, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Pittsburg;
February 26, Rev. George C. Mueller to the German Philadelphia Classis of the Reformed Church;
October 3, Rev. James Everett Frame to the Presbytery of New York.

Licentiate transferred:
October 3, 1906, Isaac Fleming to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Death:
January 22, 1906, Rev. George H. Peck, M.D., at Boston, Mass., aged 72.

IV. **The Presbytery of Brooklyn** consists of eighty-eight ministers forty-three Churches, and has under its care eight licentiates and nineteen candidates.

Ministers received:

October 23, 1905, Rev. Robert W. Anthony, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. John D. Long, from the Presbytery of Nassau; Rev. Edwin Fairley, from the Presbytery of Newark;

November 27, Rev. Adam McClelland, D.D., from the Presbytery of Dubuque;

December 18, Rev. Joseph MacInnes, from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. E. Lawrence Hunt, from the Presbytery of Washington City;

February 26, 1906, Rev. Charles R. Nugent, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of San Jose;

March 26, Rev. William B. Gates, from the Presbytery of New York; Rev. William H. Hendrickson, from the Presbytery of Nassau; Rev. Paul M. Schaufield, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

April 23, Rev. Ira W. Henderson, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;

June 25, Rev. Allen D. Carlile, D.D., from the Presbytery of Pittsburg;

September 24, Rev. Heinrich Bräm, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

January 22, 1906, Giovnanni Stanzanni and A. Fred Schurig;

March 26, Charles W. Noll;

September 24, L. Walter Stevens.

Candidates licensed:

October 23, 1905, Alexander Berg, as local Evangelist for one year;

April 23, 1906, George O. Tamblyn and William J. Wilkinson.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 26, 1906, between Rev. John P. Dawson and the Ainslee St. Church;

May 28, between Rev. Robert B. Clark and the Bay Ridge Church;

September 24, between Rev. Dewitt C. Snyder and the Franklin Avenue Church.

Installations:

October 17, 1905, Rev. Lewis W. Barney over Ainslee Street Church;

December 7, Rev. John D. Long over Prospect Park, New Parkside Church;

May 8, 1906, Rev. Ira W. Henderson over Irving Square Church.

Ministers dismissed:

December 18, 1905, Rev. Thomas Coyle to the Presbytery of Long Island;

March 26, 1906, Rev. John H. Snook to the Presbytery of Lake Superior; Rev. William M. Shall to the Presbytery of Chemung;

September 24, Rev. Dewitt C. Snyder to the Presbytery of Jersey City; Rev. Morris Frank to the Presbytery of New York; Rev. J. Will Harris to the Presbytery of Porto Rico; Rev. Harvey S. Murdock to the Presbytery of Transylvania; Rev. George K. Newell to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Licentiates transferred;

February 26, 1906, William C. Munson to the Presbytery of Steubenville;

March 26, Charles W. Barrett to the Presbytery of Indianapolis;

April 23, Alexander Berg to the Texas Conference Evangelical Association; George O. Tamblyn to the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Name dropped from the roll:

October 23, 1905, Clarence W. Rouse because previously ordained by the Congregational Church.

Deaths:

December 19, 1905, Rev. Lewis R. Foote, D.D., aged 61, at Brooklyn;
March 19, 1906, Rev. James B. Dunn, D.D., aged 76, at Brooklyn;
March 31, Rev. Edward Bryan, aged 55, at Brooklyn;
March 31, Rev. William R. Tamblyn, aged 32 in Allentown, Pa;
June 16, Rev. Thomas A. Nelson, D.D., at Brooklyn.

Churches enrolled:

October 23, 1905, Prospect Park Church;
May 28, 1906, Wells Memorial Church.

Change in the name of a church:

December 18, 1905, "Prospect Park Church" changed to "Parkside Church Presbyterian."

V. **The Presbytery of Buffalo** consists of fifty-nine ministers, fifty-five Churches and has under its care three licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1906, Rev. Peter A. Macdonald, from the Genesee Conference of the Methodist Church;
June 2, Rev. Robert G. Freeman, from the Buffalo Baptist Association.

Candidate licensed:

April 17, 1906, Harry H. Hubbell.

Licentiate received:

October 9, 1906, Rev. Rudolph C. Stall, from the Indiana Conference of the Evangelical Association.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 17, 1906, between Rev. Henry S. Brown and the Church at East Aurora;
October 9, between Rev. Edward Ward and the Church at Silver Creek;
October 9, between Rev. William Brokenshire and the Stanton Street Church Buffalo.

Ordinations:

June 2, 1906, Edward Ward and David B. Updegraff.

Installations:

October 30, 1905, Rev. John W. Ross over the Church at Tonawanda;
June 2, 1906, Rev. Edward Ward over the Church at Silver Creek.

Ministers dismissed:

September 18, 1906, Rev. Chauncey T. Edwards, D.D., to the Presbytery of Madison;
October 9, Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker, Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Lyons.

Churches enrolled:

October 9, 1906, the Churches of Sloan and Griffins Mills.

Change in name of Church:
April 17, 1906, Bethesda to Stanton Street, Buffalo.

VI. **The Presbytery of Cayuga** consists of thirty-three ministers, twenty three churches and has under its care eight licentiates and three candidates.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:
November 21, 1905, Frank W. Moore;
Ora F. Gardner;
Frank O. Leonard, from the Presbytery of Mankato;
April 10, 1906, John W. Neel, from the Presbytery of Athens;
Leonard V. C. Wytton, from the Presbytery of Los Angeles;
Frank O. Emerson, from the Presbytery of Platte;
September 25, 1906, Willard R. Randolph, from the Presbytery of Westchester;
Abraham R. Tulsie, from the Presbytery of Chester.

Candidates licensed:
April 10, 1906, John W. Neel, Frank O. Emerson, Lansing B. Bloom, John R. Fraser, Ora F. Gardner, Frank O. Leonard, Leonard V. C. Wytton and Henry P. Judd.

Licentiate received:
May 13, 1906, John Sharpe from the Presbytery of Westchester.

Ordinations:
May 6, 1906, Marion B. Palmer;
May 7, Norman C. Schenck; Harris B. Stewart;
May 8, Frank O. Emerson;
May 13, John Sharpe.

Ministers dismissed:
April 9, 1906, Rev. Towetho Bazranoff to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
May 6, Rev. Marion B. Palmer to the Presbytery of North Laos;
August 28, Rev. Norman C. Schenck to the Presbytery of French Broad;
September 25, Rev. James R. Robinson to the Presbytery of Chemung.

Licentiates transferred:
May 7, 1906, Manley F. Allbright to the Presbytery of Niagara and Henry P. Judd to the Presbytery of French Broad;
September 17, John W. Neel to the Presbytery of Baltimore;

Name dropped:
September 26, 1906, licentiate Frederic L. Mendenhall.

VII. **The Presbytery of Champlain** consists of twenty ministers and twenty Churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:
April 10, 1906, Rev. James Provan from the Presbytery of Newton, and Rev. Samuel Riddagh from the Presbytery of New York and Vermont of the Reformed Presbyterian Church;
May 10, Rev. Francis Pile from the Michigan Association of Congregational Churches;

September 18, Rev. James Greer from the Rhode Island Association of Orthodox Congregational ministers.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:
April 10, 1906, Fred V. Rand.

Installations:
April 11, 1906, Rev. Aaron W. Maddox over the Church at Tupper Lake;
May 23, Rev. Samuel Riddagh over the Church at Chateaugay;
May 25, Rev. James Provan over the Church at Mineville.

Ministers dismissed:
December 6, 1905, Rev. Norman McLeod to the Presbytery of Albany;
April 26, Rev. Samuel Lundie to the Presbytery of Kootenay of the Presbyterian Church of Canada;
July 7, Rev. John C. Langford to the Presbytery of Utica.

Miscellaneous:
Rev. John H. Gardner was elected Stated Clerk to succeed Rev. Norman McLeod resigned.

VIII. **The Presbytery of Chemung** consists of twenty-one ministers, twenty-three Churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:
March 8, 1906, Rev. Hugh D. Cameron from the Presbytery of Barrie, Canada;
April 17, Rev. William M. Schall from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
June 13, Rev. John C. Calnon, D.D., from the Presbytery of Rochester.

Installation:
March 8, 1906, Rev. Hugh D. Cameron over the Church at Horseheads.

Minister dismissed:
April 17, 1906, Rev. William Wyllie to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

IX. **The Presbytery of Chile** consists of eleven ministers, fourteen Churches and has under its care one licentiate and nine local Evangelists.

X. **The Presbytery of Columbia** consists of seventeen ministers, nineteen Churches, and has under its care one candidate and one local Evangelist.

Minister received:
April 25, 1906, Rev. J. Howard Nicholls, from the Southern Michigan Congregational Association.

Candidate received:
April 24, 1906, Ernest G. Wood, from the Presbytery of New York.

Candidate licensed:
April 24, 1906, Ernest G. Wood.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
January 29, 1906, between Rev. Albert C. Wyckoff and the Church at Valatie;
September 18, between Rev. Seneca M. Keeler and the Church at Jewett.

Ordination:
June 20, 1906, Ernest G. Wood.

Installation:

June 20, 1906, Rev. Ernest G. Wood over the Church at Hillsdale.

Ministers dismissed:

January 29, 1906, Rev. Edward Scofield to the Presbytery of Hudson, and Rev. Albert C. Wyckoff to the Classis of Rensselaer.

XI. **The Presbytery of Eastern Persia** consists of twelve ministers, and four Churches.

XII. **The Presbytery of Genesee** consists of twenty ministers, and eighteen Churches.

Ministers received:

April 16, 1906, Rev. William V. TeWinkel from the Presbytery of Dayton, Rev. Otto L. F. Moher from the Classis of New York Reformed Church and Rev. Theodore J. Searls from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Installations:

April 25, 1906, Rev. William V. TeWinkel over the Church at Perry;

May 3, Rev. Theodore J. Searls over the Church at Corfu;

May 17, Rev. Otto L. F. Mehan over the Church at Warsaw.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

November 6, 1905, between Rev. J. Addison Jones and Perry Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 6, 1905, Rev. J. Addison Jones to the Classis of Albany Reformed Church;

April 16, 1906, Rev. Arthur J. Langlois to the Presbytery of Corisco;

September 18, Rev. Albert R. Crawford to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

XIII. **The Presbytery of Geneva** consists of twenty-six ministers, twenty Churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1906, Rev. Albro L. Greene from the Presbytery of Binghamton;

April 18, Rev. R. A. Farnham from the Western New York Congregational Association;

September 12, Rev. John Chester Ball from the Presbytery of Lyons;

November 5, Rev. Samuel C. Gunn from the Presbytery of Boston.

Minister dismissed:

April 17, 1906, Rev. Paul VanDyke to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Death:

December 26, 1905, at Macedon, Rev. Benjamin F. Millard, aged 85 years.

Church dissolved:

November 5, 1905, the First Presbyterian Church of Branchport.

XIV. **The Presbytery of Hudson** consists of forty-nine ministers, forty-six Churches and has one candidate under its care.

Ministers received:

October 9, 1905, Rev. Lewis G. Leary, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Elizabeth; Rev. Emory A. Nelson from the Presbytery of North River;

April 16, 1906, Rev. Edward Scofield from the Presbytery of Columbia;
September 18, Rev. Charles A. White from the Worcester Congregational Association;
October 9, 1905, Rev. Henry Natsch from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Rev. Joseph L. Weisley from the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Pastoral relations dissolved:
January 9, 1906, between Rev. Edgar M. Smead and the Church of Milford;
April 27, between Rev. Aquilla Webb, Ph.D., and the Second Church of Middletown; between Rev. Jacob Klaasse and the Church at Otisville; between Rev. Adrian Van Oeveren and the Church at Slate Hill; between Rev. William C. Isitt and the Church of Florida; between Rev. William M. Grant and the Church at Circleville;
June 18, between Rev. Francis E. Smith and the Church at Port Jervis;
September 18, between Rev. Walter J. Campbell and the Church at Suffern; between Rev. Archibald F. Parker and the Church of Monroe; between Rev. Edward J. Abbott and the Church of Stony Point.

Ordinations:
October 9, 1905, Henry Natsch, Joseph L. Weisley.

Installations:
October 9, 1905, Rev. Henry Natsch over the Church at Liberty;
October 27, 1905, Rev. Lewis G. Leary Ph.D., over the Greenbush Church;
May 17, 1906, Rev. Adrian Van Oeveren over the Church at Livingston Manor;

Ministers dismissed:
April 17, 1906, Rev. Aquilla Webb Ph.D., to the Presbytery of Boston; Rev. William M. Grant to the Presbytery of Lehigh;
September 17, 1906, Rev. Joseph L. Weisley to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

Change in the name of Church:
September 18, 1906, the "Second Presbyterian Church of Middletown," to the "Westminister Church of Middletown."

XV. **The Presbytery of Long Island** consists of twenty-five ministers, twenty-three Churches and has under its care one candidate.

Ministers received:
April 3, 1906, Rev. Thomas Coyle from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
April 27, Rev. George R. Garretson from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Candidate licensed:
April 4, 1906, James B. Currie.

Licentiate ordained:
September 5, 1906, James B. Currie.

Installation:
November 13, 1905, Rev. Harry S. Dunning over the Church at Port Jefferson.

Minister dismissed:
Rev. James M. Simonton.

Deaths:

January 28, 1906, Rev. William H. Seeley at Laurel, N. Y., aged 66 years;
March 10, Rev. James Bassett, at Los Angeles, aged 73 years.

XVI. **The Presbytery of Lyons** consists of twenty-six ministers, eighteen Churches.

Ministers received:

April 18, 1905, Rev. David B. McMurdy from the Presbytery of Boston; Rev. Oscar E. Beckes from the Presbytery of Rochester;
May 2, Rev. Alpheus P. Meeker from the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

January 2, 1906, between T. J. Searles and the Church at Rose.

Installations:

May 2, 1906, Rev. David B. McMurdy over the Church at Sodus;
May 15, Rev. Oscar E. Beckes over the Church at Rose.

Ministers dismissed:

January 22, 1906, Rev. Theodore J. Searles to the Presbytery of Genesee.
April 18, Rev. John Chester Ball to the Presbytery of Geneva.

Death:

February 23, 1906, at Marion, N. Y., Rev. Charles Ray, aged 77 years.

Miscellaneous:

April 1, 1906, Rev. Caleb H. Rodney gave up the work at Fairville.

XVII. **The Presbytery of Nassau** consists of thirty-three ministers, twenty-nine Churches, and has under its care one local Evangelist and three candidates.

Ministers received:

December 11, 1905, Rev. Christopher Bauer, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;
February 19, Rev. Charles S. Tator, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;
April 10, Rev. Joseph C. Todd, from the Christian Disciples Church, Missouri;
October 9, Rev. David Yule from Utica Presbytery.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

December 11, 1905, Daniel Martin;
April 10, 1906, Gustavus A. Hulbert.

Candidate licensed:

June 11, 1906, Daniel Martin.

Ordination:

June 11, 1906, Daniel Martin, as an Evangelist.

Installations:

January 10, 1906, Rev. Christopher Bauer, over the Jamaica German Church;
April 20, Rev. Charles S. Tator, over the Northport Church;
May 29, Rev. Joseph C. Todd, over the Brentwood Church.

Minister dismissed:

February 1, 1906, Rev. William H. Hendrickson to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

XVIII. **The Presbytery of New York** consists of one hundred and seventy-four ministers and has under its care fifty-four Churches, one licentiate, two lay evangelists and eight candidates for the ministry:

Ministers received:

November 13, 1905, Rev. Vaclav Paul Backora, from the Presbytery of Blairsville;

December 11, Rev. James Otis Denniston, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon;

January 8, 1906, Rev. James Johnson Coale, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;

March 12, Rev. Julius M. Hanko, from the Reformed Synod of the Danube Church, Hungary;

May 14, Rev. G. Ernest Merriam from the Presbytery of Westchester;

October 1, Rev. Joseph H. Bradley, D.D., from the Presbytery of Monmouth; Rev. Jaroslav W. Dobias, from the Presbytery of Omaha; Rev. Paul D. Axtell, from the Presbytery of Wooster.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

November 13, 1905, Ernest G. Wood, and Antonio Villelli;

January 8, 1906, Robert William Hood, Monroe G. Chandler and William A. Chandler;

October 1, R. S. Steen, E. D. Lucas, and W. M. Gadsdan.

Candidate licensed:

January 15, 1906, Rev. Matthew James Caldwell, as a Local Evangelist for one year.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

February 12, 1906, between the Rev. John Lloyd Lee, and the Westminster Church.

Ordination:

May 24, 1906, Henry Jean Wahl, as an Evangelist.

Installations:

October 19, 1905, it installed Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin over the Madison Avenue Church;

June 6, 1906, Rev. J. E. Triplett over the Bedford Park Church;

June 8, Rev. G. Ernest Merriam over the Fourteenth Street Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 3, 1905, Rev. Henry A. Lewis to the Presbytery of Albany; Rev. Leopold Reid Burrowes to the Presbytery of Lackawanna;

December 2, Calvin Weiss Laufer to the Presbytery of Jersey City;

December 12, Rev. Joseph MacInnis to the Presbytery of Brooklyn;

February 12. 1906, Rev. Wm. Bishop Gates to the Presbytery of Brooklyn; Rev. Charles Ellis Smith to the Presbytery of Jersey City;

April 9, Rev. Lewis Bond to the Presbytery of Philadelphia; Rev. Alfred L. Hall Quest to the Presbytery of Adams; Rev. John Lewis Clark, D.D., to the

Manhattan Association of Congregational Churches; Rev. Charles N. Van Houten to the Christian Reformed Classis of Hackensack;

May 14, Rev. Thomas W. Winfield to the Presbytery of Albermarle of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; Rev. James O. Boyd Ph.D, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick;

October, I. John Newton Freeman, D.D., to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Name of minister erased:

February 12, 1906, erased the name of Rev. John Lloyd Lee, D.D.

Ministers deceased:

November 13, 1905, Rev. Levi H. Parsons, aged 86 years and Rev. Frederick LaRue King, aged 83 years;

November 24, Rev. Robert Russell Booth, D.D., LL.D., aged 76 years;

October 8, 1906, Rev. George Power Merrett, aged 33 years.

Church enrolled:

The Bohemian Brethren Presbyterian Church was organized April 22, 1906, and enrolled May 14, 1906.

Name of Church changed:

The name of the Lenox Presbyterian Church has been changed to the Saint Nicholas Avenue Presbyterian Church.

XIX. **The Presbytery of Niagara** consists of twenty-four ministers, twenty-two Churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate.

Ministers received:

January 26, 1906, Rev. Darwin F. Pickard, from the Presbytery of Carlisle;

April 16, Rev. Joseph Criswell, from the Genesee Conference, M. E. Church; Rev. Ulysses S. Schaul, from the Classis of Saratoga, Reformed Church.

Licentiate received:

May 14, 1906, Manley F. Allbright, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Candidate licensed:

April 17, 1906, M. Willis Greenfield.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

January 26, 1906, between Rev. Orlando B. Pershing and the Pierce Ave. Church, Niagara Falls.

Ordinations:

June 5, 1906, Warren J. Whiffen;

June 19, Manley F. Allbright.

Installations:

January 26, 1906, Rev. Darwin F. Pickard over the Church at Albion;

May 1, Rev. Ulysses S. Schaul over the Pierce Ave. Church, Niagara Falls;

June 5, Rev. Warren J. Whiffen over the Church at Middleport;

June 19, Rev. Manley F. Allbright over the Church at Lewiston.

Ministers dismissed:

December 2, 1905, Rev. Alexander D. D. Fraser, to the Presbytery of Rochester;

January 26, 1906, Rev. Orlando B. Pershing, to the Presbytery of Athens.

Minister deceased:

February 28, 1906, Rev. Levi G. Marsh, at Morgan Park, Ill., in the 83d year of his age.

Church organized:

March 5, 1906, The Third Presbyterian Church of Niagara Falls.

XX. **The Presbytery of North Laos** consists of twenty-one ministers, and has under its care sixteen Churches and two licentiates.

XXI. **The Presbytery of North River** consists of thirty-nine ministers, thirty-two Churches and has three students for the ministry under its care.

Ministers received:

December 11, 1905, Rev. R. Clarence Dodds, D.D., from the Presbytery of Lansing;

September 12, 1906, Rev. James I. Campbell from the Classis of Westchester, Reformed Church.

Licentiates received:

May 25, 1906, Paul Stratton from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 11, 1906 between Rev. Joseph Z. Faivre and Freedom Plains Church;

June 30, between Rev. George H. Wallace and the Wappinger Falls Church.

Installations:

October 24, 1905, Rev. Ivan G. Martin over Hughsonville Church.

December 11, Rev. R. Clarence Dodds, D.D., over Kingston Church;

May 25, 1906, Rev. Paul Stratton over Matteawan Church;

September 20, Rev. James I. Campbell over the Church at Freedom Plains.

Ministers dismissed:

April 17, 1906, Rev. Joseph Z. Faivre to the Presbytery of Dubuque; Rev. Theophilus E. Montgomery to the Presbytery of Otsego; Rev. John S. Allan to the Presbytery of Algona, Canada.

Ministers deceased:

November 21, 1905, Rev. Andrew McGibbon aged 60 years;

September 17, 1906, Rev. William K. Hall, D.D., aged 70 years.

XXII. **The Presbytery of Otsego** consists of twenty-four ministers and twenty-eight Churches and has under its care two licentiates and two candidates.

Ministers received:

April 24, 1906, Rev. Theophilus E. Montgomery from the Presbytery of North River;

April 25, Rev. John H. Pollock from the Presbytery of Albany;

September 25, Rev. Frank E. Hoyt from the Presbytery of Iowa.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 25, 1906, Homer C. Evans;

September 26, Eugene A. Ballis from the Presbytery of Portland; Andrew M. Forrester from the Presbytery of Rio Grande.

Candidates licensed:

September 26, 1906, Eugene A. Ballis and Andrew M. Forrester.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

March 1, 1906, between Rev. J. Spencer Jewell and Otego Church; between Rev. Charles W. Kinney and the Church at Hobart;

September 26, between Rev. Henry U. Swinnerton, Ph.D., and the Church at Cherry Valley.

Installation:

May 4, 1906, Rev. Theophilus E. Montgomery over the Church at Otego.

Death:

February 4, 1906, Rev. James H. Turnbull.

XXIII. **The Presbytery of Porto Rico** consists of ten ministers, and has under its care twenty Churches and one licentiate.

Candidate licensed:

September 12, 1906, Frederico Garcia Davila.

Minister dismissed:

September 12, 1906, Rev. William Lloyd Roberts.

Churches enrolled:

April 11, Quebradillas and Toa Alta;

September 12, Hormigueros.

Miscellaneous:

The address of the stated clerk is changed from Isabele to Mazaguez.

XXIV. **The Presbytery of Rochester** consists of sixty-four ministers, forty-nine Churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

December 18, 1905, Rev. William Excell, from the Lamoille, Vt., Congregational Association; Rev. Alexander D. D. Fraser, from the Presbytery of Niagara; Rev. Frederick J. Tower, from the Presbytery of Schuyler; Rev. Benjamin J. Morgan, from the Presbytery of Otsego;

September 25, 1906, Rev. Walter E. Price, from the Presbytery of White Water.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

April 10, 1906, Angus J. McMillan, from the Presbytery of Platte.

Candidates licensed:

April 10, 1906, Robert G. Higginbotham, John S. Wolff, and Angus J. McMillan.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

February 19, 1906, between Rev. Oscar E. Beckes and the Church at Ossian;

March 5, between Rev. Samuel R. Brown and the First and Second Churches of Sparta;

September 25, between Rev. Josiah E. Kittredge, D.D., and the Church of Geneseo Village.

Ordination:

May 24, 1906, Angus J. McMillan.

Installations:

October 13, 1905, Rev. Edward S. Claflin over the Church at Gates;
October 26, Rev. Henry F. Gilt over the Church at Charlotte;
January 2, 1906, Rev. Alexander D. D. Fraser over the East Side Church, Rochester;
January 4, Rev. Frederick J. Tower over the Memorial Church, Rochester;
May 24, Rev. Angus J. McMillan over the Church at Lima;
October 11, Rev. Walter E. Price over the Church of Geneseo Village.

Ministers dismissed:

January 15, 1906, Rev. E. Trevor Cooke, to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
February 19 Rev. Robert Hughes to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; Rev. Oscar E. Beckes, to the Presbytery of Lyons;
March 5, Rev. Samuel R. Brown, to the Presbytery of Cleveland;
May 24, Rev. John C. Calnon, D.D., to the Presbytery of Chemung.

Death:

July 30, 1906, Rev. Fisher Gutelius, Pastor Moscow Church, at Rochester, N. Y., aged 62 years.

XXV. **The Presbytery of Saint Lawrence** consists of thirty-seven ministers and forty Churches, and has under its care two licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

April 10, 1906, Rev. Robert Hughes from the Presbytery of Rochester and Rev. Andrew Melrose Brodie, D.D., from the Congregational Association of Chicago;
September 26, Rev. Hugh Craig from the Presbytery of Albany and Rev. John Vaughn Axtell from the Presbytery of Lackawanna;
September 26, Rev. James B. Crawford from the Presbytery of New York and Vermont of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Candidates received and licensed:

April 10, 1905, Albert Leslie Evans from the Presbytery of Syracuse;
September 26, 1906, Thomas Robinson from the Presbytery of Portland.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 10, 1906, Arthur R. Chafee;
September 26, John S. Robb.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 31, 1905, between Rev. Charles G. Cady and the Church at Theresa.

Installations:

October 10, 1905, Rev. Samuel D. Angel over the Church at Oxbow;
April 20, 1906, Rev. Andrew Melrose Brodie, D.D., over the First Church, Watertown;
June 13, 1906, Rev. Robert Hughes over the Church at Rossie;
June 25, Rev. Charles H. Brown over the Church at Cape Vincent.

Ministers dismissed:

April 10, 1906, Rev. Frederick W. Fuess to the Presbytery of Syracuse; and Rev. Charles G. Cady to the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Deceased:

December 21, 1905, Rev. John Burkhardt at Brownville, N. Y., aged sixty-two years.

Church enrolled:

September 26, 1906, Dailey Ridge, received from the Presbytery of New York and Vermont of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

XXVI. **The Presbytery of Siam** consists of twelve ministers and has under its care nine Churches and two licentiates.

XXVII. **The Presbytery of Steuben** consists of twenty-seven ministers, twenty five Churches and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received:

April 16, 1906, Rev. Hugh P.McAdam, D.D., from the Presbytery of Columbus;

April 17, Rev. Frederick W. Southworth from the Genesee Conference of the M. E. Church.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

August 27, 1906, between Rev. Eugene V. Ostrander and the Church at Painted Post;

September 18, between Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D.D., and the Church at Corning.

Installations;

May 17, 1906, Rev. Hugh P. McAdam D.D. over the Church at Belmont;

May 24, Rev. Lindley C. Rutter over the Church at Arkport.

Ministers dismissed:

August 27, 1906, Rev. Eugene V. Ostrander to the Presbytery of Butte.

Licentiate transferred:

April 16, 1906, Elmer J. Stuart to Utica Presbytery.

XXVIII. **The Presbytery of Syracuse** consists of thirty-eight ministers and forty-three Churches, and has under its care five candidates for the ministry.

Ministers received:

November 7, 1905, Rev. Alvin E. Magary, from the Presbytery of Benicia;

May 3, 1906, Rev. Frederick W. Fuess, from the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

October 13, 1905, Henry Didama Smith;

September 17, 1906, Paul E. Illman.

Licentiate received:

September 17, 1906, Walter L. Bennett, from the Presbytery of West Jersey.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

December 11, 1905, between Rev. Edward A. McMaster and the First Church of Baldwinsville.

June 4, 1906, between Rev. Perez D. Cowan and the first Church of Canastota.

Ordination:

October 2, 1906, Walter L. Bennett.

Installations:

October 3, 1905, Rev. Francis H. Laird over the Church of Fayetteville;
October 13, Rev. Francis H. Laird over the Church of Manlius;
November 7, Rev. Alvin E. Magary over the First Church of Oswego;
May 3, 1906, Rev. Frederick W. Fuess over the Church of Baldwinsville;
October 2, Rev. Walter L. Bennett over the Church at Jamesville.

Ministers dismissed:

December 11, 1905, Rev. Edward A. McMaster to the Presbytery of Albany;
December 18, Rev. Howard A. Hanaford to the Presbytery of Utica;
April 9, 1906, Rev. James B. Dare to the Presbytery of Boston.

Candidate transferred:

April 9, 1906, Rev. Albert L. Evans to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Miscellaneous:

There being no longer any church remaining at Lenox, the name of such Church was dropped from the roll.

XXIX. **The Presbytery of Troy** consists of thirty-nine ministers, and forty Churches.

Ministers received:

January 29, 1906, Rev. Arthur Spaulding from the Presbytery of Binghamton;
June 11, Rev. Charles S. Freeman from the Presbytery of Chester.

Candidates licensed:

April 16, 1906, Stephen B. Jacobian;
September 18, Raymond Curtiss Donnan.

Ordinations:

April 17, 1906, Stephen B. Jacobian;
September 18, Raymond Curtiss Donnan, sine titulo.

Installations:

February 6, 1906, Rev. Arthur Spaulding over the Church at Salem;
June 21, Rev. Charles S. Freeman over the Liberty St. Church, Troy;
June 24, Rev. Stephen B. Jacobian over the Armenian Church, Troy;

Pastoral relations dissolved:

April 16, 1906, between Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington and the Church at Middle Granville;
April 16, between Rev. James Boddy and the Liberty St. Church, Troy;
September 18, between the Rev. Clarence W. Dunham and the Church at Warrensburgh.

Ministers dismissed:

April 16, 1906, Rev. Wilmot A. Carrington to the Presbytery of Binghamton;
September 18, Rev. Clarence W. Dunham to the Presbytery of Westchester.

Miscellaneous:

April 17, 1906, Charles A. Ingraham, M.D., local evangelist dropped from the roll.

XXX. **The Presbytery of Utica** consists of sixty ministers, forty-four Churches, and has under its care seven candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1906, Rev. Howard A. Hanaford, from the Presbytery of Syracuse, and Rev. C. Davis VanWagoner, from the Presbytery of Mankato;

June 6, Rev. Frank R. Shepard, from the Presbytery of Westchester;

September 25, Rev. John C. Langford, from the Presbytery of Champlain.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 17, 1906, H. W. Smith.

Licentiate received:

April 17, 1906, Elmer J. Stuart, from the Presbytery of Steuben.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

September 25, 1906, between Rev. Robert C. Hallock, D.D., and the "Stone Church," Clinton, N. Y.

Ordinations:

June 13, 1906, Elmer J. Stuart.

Installations:

October 24, 1905, Rev. Calvin H. French over the Church at Ilion;

November 8, Rev. J. Canfield VanDoren over the Church at Waterville;

June 6, 1906, Rev. Frank R. Shepard over the Church at Vernon;

June 13, Mr. Elmer J. Stuart over the "Cochran Memorial Church," Oneida Castle;

June 21, Rev. Howard A. Hanaford over the Church at Westernville.

Ministers dismissed:

April 17, 1906, Rev. John S. Willbanks to the Presbytery of Gunnison;

September 25, Rev. David Yule to the Presbytery of Nassau.

Name dropped:

September 25, 1906, Claude T. Terry, Candidate.

XXXI. **The Presbytery of Westchester** consists of seventy-five ministers, forty Churches and has under its care two licentiates and two candidates.

Ministers received:

April 17, 1906, Rev. Charles Martyn, D.D., from the Presbytery of Chicago; Rev. David Oastler, from the Presbytery of Southern Dakota; and Rev. John Prentice Taylor, from the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church;

July 9, Rev. Robert Gardner McGregor from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;

October 1, Rev. Clarence Wells Dunham from the Presbytery of Troy;

October 2, Rev. John Wallace Cooper, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of St. Clairsville.

Candidate licensed:

April 17, 1906, John Sharpe.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

May 11, 1906, Rev. G. Ernest Merriam and the Mt. Kisco Church;
May 31, Rev. John Paul Egbert, D.D., and the New Rochelle Church;
June 1, Rev. Robert T. Graham and the Mahopac Falls Church, and Rev. George Frank Nason and the North Avenue Church of New Rochelle.
August 8, Rev. William J. Cumming and the Yorktown Church;
October 7, Rev. Benjamin J. Marshall and the Scarborough Church;
October 8, Rev. Andrew D. Reid and the Katonah Church;
October 15, Rev. William W. Breckenridge and the Hartford Church.

Ordinations:

January 17, 1906, Ralph Hall Ferris, as an evangelist;
October 2, Charles Hodge Corbett, as an evangelist.

Installations:

May 15, 1906, Rev. Carlos Martyn, D.D., over the Darien Church;
June 17, Rev. David Oastler over the Harrison Church.

Ministers dismissed:

May 11, 1906, Rev. G. Ernest Merriam to the Presbytery of New York;
June 7, Rev. George Frank Nason to the Presbytery of New Castle;
October 1, Rev. Robert T. Graham to the Presbytery of Northumberland, and Rev. John Froschl to the Classis of Monmouth of the Reformed Church;
October 8, Rev. Andrew D. Reid to the Presbytery of Algona of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Licentiates and candidates transferred:

May 11, 1906, John Sharpe, licentiate to the Presbytery of Cayuga;
June 19, Frederick S. Eastman, candidate to the Presbytery of Genesee, and Willard D. Randolph, candidate to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

SUMMARY

Ministers	1242	Licentiates and Local Evangelists	38
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IV. CHANGES IN OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERIES.

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New York; Rev. George Alexander, D.D., New York.
Porto Rico; Rev. James A. McAllister, Mayagues, Porto Rico.

V. TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

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Term expiring in 1908: Gen. Ralph E. Prime, Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D., Rev. Charles Stoddard Lane, Edwin T. Hanford.

Term expiring in 1909: Rev. J. Frederick Fitschen, Jr. Rev. John F. Carson, D.D., James L. Jacobs, Benjamin P. Wayne.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Synod of New York (of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America) incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of dollars, to be held or expended by the trustees of said Synod, in conformity with the provisions of said Laws and the By-Laws of said Synod.

VI. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	*Henry A. Nelson, D.D., *Convener*	Geneva	Utica
1882.	*Howard Crosby, D.D.	New York	Utica
1883.	James McLeod, D.D.	Buffalo	New York
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D.D.	Albany	Buffalo
1885.	*L. Merrill Miller, D.D.	St. Lawrence	Troy
1886.	*Joseph E. Nassau, D.D.	Genesee	Elmira
1887.	*Charles C. Wallace, D.D.	Boston	Auburn
1888.	*T. Ralston Smith, D.D.	Buffalo	Syracuse
1889.	Samuel Jessup, D.D.	Utica	Poughkeepsie
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D.D.	Albany	Lockport
1891.	Asa S. Fiske, D.D	Cayuga	Watertown
1892.	*Levi Parsons, D.D.	Rochester	Albany
1893.	*James Gardner, D.D.	Albany	Rochester
1894.	George C. Yeisley, D.D.	Columbia	New York
1895.	Howard Duffield, D.D.	New York	Binghamton
1896.	Ralph E. Prime, LL.D (Elder)	Westchester	Brooklyn
1897.	Joseph Gamble, D.D.	Champlain	Utica
1898.	A. Cameron Mac Kenzie, D.D.	Binghamton	Elmira
1899.	James H. Robinson, D.D	Otsego	Troy
1900.	David G. Wylie, D.D.	New York	Geneva

* Deceased.

1901.	William Waith, Ph.D.	Buffalo	Buffalo
1902.	*William K. Hall, D.D.	North River	Albany
1903.	William M. Johnson, D.D.	Troy	Ithaca
1904.	Dana W, Bigelow, D.D.	Utica	Middletown
1905.	Isaac Jennings, D.D	Chemung	Syracuse
1906.	Anthony H. Evans, D.D.	New York	Lockport

*Deceased.

VII. STANDING RULES.

I.

The annual meetings of Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. The officers of Synod shall be a Moderator, to be chosen at the beginning of each annual meeting; a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be chosen for a term of five years, and such Temporary Clerks as shall be chosen at each annual meeting. In case of vacancy in the office of Stated Clerk, Permanent Clerk or Treasurer, which shall occur by reason of resignation, death, removal from the bonds of Synod, or from membership of the Presbytery or Church in the Synod, the Moderator, or if he be inaccessible, the last elected Moderator shall appoint, ad interim, a minister or elder to the vacant office, who shall hold the same until Synod shall fill the office. In case any officer of Synod shall by sickness, absence, or otherwise, be incapacitated from performance of the duties of his office, a minister or elder shall in like manner be appointed to perform the duties of the office until the incapacity shall end or until Synod shall take action.

II.

The Moderator and the Stated and Permanent Clerks shall be a standing Committee to report, from year to year, on the place of the next meeting, which shall be designated prior to the adjournment. And a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, who shall provide suitable accommodations for the Synod and entertainment for its members, recommend the limits of the daily sessions, and propose arrangements for popular meetings.

The Stated Clerk of the Synod shall be a member of the Committee of Arrangements for every meeting of Synod. The first order of business, on the second day of the meeting of Synod, after the appointment of Committees and calling of the roll, shall be the hearing of and action upon reports of officers of Synod and of special Committees appointed at previous meetings of Synod.

III.

The morning sessions of the Synod shall be opened with devotional services to be continued not less than half an hour.

IV.

Each Presbytery shall, at its Stated Meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible, not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

"The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of Ministers and Ruling Elders from the several Presbyteries in the following proportion: Each Presbytery, the number of whose Ministers and Churches added together is not more than twenty, shall send one Minister and one Elder; and so in like proportion for every twenty Ministers and Churches added together, or for any remaining fraction thereof, not less than one-half: Provided that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten Ministers and ten Elders."

V.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod. When alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person to the Clerks of the Synod before their names shall be substituted upon the roll.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VI.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks shall have the privileges of the floor; and the chairmen of the committees, appointed at a previous session to report to the Synod, shall be entitled to participate in debate when their reports are under consideration.

Ministers of other Synods, and of bodies in correspondence with the General Assembly, may be elected corresponding members, and the members nominating them shall report immediately to the Stated Clerk, in writing, the names of such ministers in full, their Synodical or equivalent ecclesiastical relations and their post office addresses.

VII.

In case of the failure of the Moderator, the Annual Meeting shall be opened with a sermon by a Minister of the Synod designated by the committee of Arrangements.

VIII.

A complete roll of the Ministers and Churches of each Presbytery, and a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes for the year preceding, as required by the form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9, shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, as soon as practicable after the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery; and the statistical reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

IX.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator at every annual meeting:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Business.
3. Minutes of General Assembly.
4. Finance.
5. Leave of Absence.
6. To nominate Visitors to Theological and other educational institutions.

7. To nominate Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions.

8. To nominate Trustees of the Synod, and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College.

9. On the Records of the several Presbyteries.

10. To collate the Reports on Presbyterial Records.

11. In every year of even number a Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees for the ensuing two years, as follows: I. Systematic Beneficence. II. Home Missions. III. Foreign Missions. IV. Education. V. Publication and Sabbath School Work. VI. Church Erection. VII. Ministerial Relief. VIII. Missions to Freedmen. IX. Aid for Colleges. X. Young People's Societies. XI. Sabbath Observance. XII. Temperance. Such permanent committees to consist each of four ministers and three ruling elders.

X.

1. At every annual meeting, one of the three classes of Trustees of Elmira College, consisting of six or seven members, as the case may be, shall be elected for a period of three years; and any vacancy which may have occurred in any class shall be filled.

2. The Reformed (Dutch), the Congregational, the Methodist Episcopal, the Protestant Episcopal and the Baptist denominations shall be represented, each by one member of the Board of Trustees, to be chosen by the Synod, as required by the charter.

3. Three ministers shall likewise be chosen for a period of three years, as members of a Board of nine examiners, whose duty it shall be to visit the College and examine its method of instruction and discipline, as well as the general condition of the institution, and present a written report to the Synod.

XI.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by its own regulations, the Synod shall be governed in its proceedings by the General Rules for Judicatories appended to the Form of Government, as amended by the Genral Assembly.

XII.

All papers intended for the Synod or its Committees shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk, and reported by him before being referred.

XIII.

The Stated Clerk shall have authority to print in the minutes, abstracts of extended reports, excepting those portions which contain resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Synod.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned to the number of their communicants, according to a rate per capita determined at the previous meetings of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be seven mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XV.

The Treasurer shall be authorized to pay the salaries and the traveling expenses of the Stated and Permanent Clerks in attending the sessions of the Synod; and all charges incurred under the standing orders or special resolutions of the Synod, upon the certificate of the Stated Clerk. His accounts and vouchers shall be presented at the annual meeting, and shall be audited by the Committee on Finance.

No appropriation shall be made from the Synodical funds without first being referred to the Committee on Finance, and reported upon by that committee. And all appropriations shall lapse if not called for before the close of the Synodical year.

XVI.

Vacancies occurring between the annual sessions of the Synod, in any of its committees, may be filled ad interim by the Moderator.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder on the roll, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

VIII. NECROLOGY.

The death angel's call has been heard by many of our ministers during the past Synodical year. No rank or age has been exempt. Prominent men and humble, have alike been called, and several have been summoned without a moment's warning.

Rev. Robert Russell Booth, D.D., an honored moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. William K. Hall, D.D., not only a former moderator of the Synod, but also prominent in its counsels. Rev. Timothy G. Darling, D.D., for many years a revered instructor in Auburn Seminary. Rev. Lewis R. Foote, D.D., of Brooklyn, Rev. Fisher Gutelius of Moscow, Rev. John Burkhardt of Brownsville, Rev. Andrew Nelson of Liberty suddenly called to leave their pulpits and enter upon the untried realities of eternity.

Rev. Messrs. David Lyon, George H. Peck, James B. Dunn, Levi G. Marsh, F. LaRue King, Levi H. Parsons, George D. Horton, Frederick M. Newman, Charles Ray, James Bassette, William H. Seeley, James B. Dunn, among the older of our ministers have finished their earthly task and laid down their weary bodies. Some of our useful young men have also fallen asleep. Thomas A. Nelson, D.D. Frank L. Putnam, James H. Turnbull, William H. Seeley, M.D,. Andrew McGibbon, George Power Merritt, William R. Tamblyn some of whom only served in the vineyard an hour and speedily received their reward. Precious lives all, consecrated to the Master's service. Their departure teaches us that the period of our usefulness on earth may be brief. What we do must be done quickly, for the night cometh when no man can work.

IX. PERMANENT COMMITTEES.

I. Systematic Beneficence: *Ministers*—W. Courtland Robinson, Henry A. Porter, David Mills, William L. Sawtelle; *Elders*—Thomas McVickers, Lucius M. Kinney, Douglas N. Green.

II. Home Missions: *Ministers*—Charles A. Richmond, N. Woolsey Wells, Charles S. Lane, Carl W. Scovel; *Elders*—John G. MacDonald, Howard Whittemore, Mr. McWilliams.

III. Foreign Missions: *Ministers*—Cleland B. McAfee, George C. Veisley, C. Waldo Cherry, Henry W. Maier; *Elders*—Benton S. Hoit, John T. D. Blackburn, Harvey S. McLeod.

IV. Education: *Ministers*—R. Lew Williams, George W. Warren, Sidney S. Conger, Edmund G. Rawson; *Elders*—Levi A. Frisbie, James A. Nixon, Mr. Stone.

V. Publication and Sabbath School Work: *Ministers*—Walter R. Ferris, J. Scott King, Francis S. Haines, Rufus B. Marks; *Elders*—Augustus Denniston, Edwin T. Hanford, Harold B. Woodward.

VI. Church Erection: *Ministers*—Alexander G. Russell, Richard S. Campbell, J. Howard Hobbs, Asel H. Fish; *Elders*—John H. Prall, J. Carl Schmuck, M.D., Selah B. Strong.

VII. Ministerial Relief: *Ministers*—John A. Ingham, William P. Stevenson, Douglas P. Birnie, Benjamin H. Everitt; *Elders*—Henry W. Jessup, Sanford R. Knapp, William Matthews.

VIII. Freedmen: *Ministers*—William P. Swartz, Charles G. Ellis, William H. Sybrandt, John R. Mackay; *Elders*—William W. Smith, John H. Bates, George DuBois.

IX. College Aid: *Ministers*—J. Frederick Fitschen, Jr., Allen Macy Dulles, John C. Ball, A. Cameron MacKenzie; *Elders*—George R. Williams, C. C. Swan, H. N. Daggett.

X. Young Peoples Societies: *Ministers*—Andrew M. Brodie, John W. Brainard, William F. Skinner, Frederick W. Feuss; *Elders*—Rufus L. Sisson, Thomas Rutherford, John S. Pettit.

XI. Temperance: *Ministers*—Henry R. Fancher, Duncan Cameron, Alexander McGaffin, Otis A. Smith; *Elders*—John J. Burt, J. P. McKenzie, J. B. Scoville.

XII. Lord's Day Observance: *Ministers*—Martin D. Kneeland, Adrian V. S. Wallace, James M. Craig, Alvin R. Pennell; *Elders*—Gilbert M. Stalker, William McDonald, Miles Martin.

XIII. Evangelistic Work: *Ministers*—William R. Taylor, Murray S. Howland, Rice V. Hunter, Samuel W. Steele; *Elders*—C. C. Butler, Robert Anderson, Thomas Dransfield.

XIV. Executive Committee Synodical Missions: *Elders*—John I. Platt, George P. Conard, Horace B. Silliman, Albert P. Stevens, Alfred E. Marling, Dewitt C. Hurd, Benjamin P. Wayne; *Ministers*—George Fairlee, John A. McIntosh, Dana W. Bigelow, J. Wilford Jacks.

X. CHAIRMEN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. Arrangements—Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.
2. Place of Meeting in 1908—Rev. Anthony H. Evans, D.D.
3. Auburn Seminary—Rev. George C. Frost.
4. Hamilton College—Rev. William E. Kimball, D.D.
5. New York University—Rev. Alexander G. Russell.
6. Special Committee on Home Missions—Rev. Rice V. Hunter, D.D.

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